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THE AFGHAN RIDDLE

TROUBLING ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

Speculations as to the Course of Conduct Pursued by Russia in the Afghan Question—The English Situation at Cabul—An Internecine Quarrel.

LONDON, December 18.—The Berlin correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph sends the following dispatch: "According to information I have received to-day, the expedition now in course of preparation on the Caspian will assume such proportions toward the coming spring that it is beyond doubt Russia has a more considerable task in view than the capture of Merv. In Russian military circles Herat is already mentioned in connection with General Kaufmann's pending plans, and from trustworthy accounts now to hand it is perfectly clear that more than ever the attention of our government should be turned in that direction. I happen to know that, prior to his departure for London, Count Schouvaloff made several fruitless attempts to enter upon pourparlers with Lord Salisbury on the subject of Central Asia. Lord Salisbury invariably answered that her majesty's government had taken no decision yet, and until the settlement of Afghan affairs they were not likely to do so. All that Count Schouvaloff could ascertain from the English secretary of state was that at present the relations of Afghanistan with foreign powers would be conducted by England, and that the arrangement might be regarded as permanent. This was tantamount to a refusal on the part of England to come to any agreement with Russia on Central Asian affairs, and that is the reason Russia is now concentrating her energy and resources on the reorganization of the Merv expedition. What is Russia's plans for the sol-disant settlement of the Central Asian question? This is what Count Schouvaloff was instructed to propose to our own government had his first overtures been more successful. Russia simply suggests the partition of Afghanistan—the southeastern part, with Candahar and Cabul, to be annexed to India, and the whole of the northwestern part to go to Russia, so that the Hindoo Koosh mountains would form the natural frontier between British and Russian territory. In the Russian plan Herat would be incorporated with Persia, and by claiming that weighty position for the shah, Russia hoped, no doubt, to secure the good will of that potentate in view of future undertakings. It is probable that the czar himself will talk over these matters with lord Dufferin, but Count Schouvaloff's late experience was so conclusive that very little hope can be entertained at St. Petersburg of obtaining a more satisfactory result though Lord Dufferin. There is also ground for stating that the idea of patronizing the claims of Abdul Rahaman Khan to the Afghan throne has been under consideration at St. Petersburg. General Lomakin seems to be chiefly responsible for the disaster that overtook the first expedition to Merv. On assuming the provisional command, after the death of General Lazareff, he saw the opportunity of securing for himself rank and distinction by one of those dashing coups successfully effected on several occasions by the Russian commanding officers in central Asia. There it appears that the Persian contractors who undertook to supply the Russians with provisions did not get paid, and so they cut short their supplies. Money destined for the purpose was, as usual, pocketed by the Russian officials. The expedition cost the government from 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 roubles.

A Candahar dispatch says, a conflict occurred between the Herat and Cabul troops near Herat at Kusk, the precise ground which party was victorious, but Avoub Khan has been imprisoned by the Cabuli, who hold the citadel under the leadership of a low adventurer who has been proclaimed governor in Avoub Khan's place. The Afghans hold Balahissar and Cabul.

General Bright reports that the hill tribes attacked General Gough on the 16th inst. General Bright is sending forward reinforcements.

General Baker telegraphs from Cabul, under date of 14th inst., that his troops are in excellent spirits, but he gave no other news.

The Pall Mall Gazette asserts that Yakoob Khan's buried treasure, recently recovered at Cabul, was all in Russian gold, and that some of the Afghan regulars were dressed in Russian uniform which, in many cases, had the Russian eagle on the buttons.

The Standard's Bombay correspondent says the details of the fighting at Cabul show that the people of the city and villages vied with each other in murdering and mutilating the stragglers and wounded men of the British army, some being actually murdered within two hundred yards of the wall of Shirpur.

AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, December 18.—Emperor Francis Joseph, in replying to an address from the delegations to-day, said: "My relations with all foreign powers are most friendly. My close understanding with the German empire offers a strengthened guarantee that the universal tranquility which ensures to peaceful labor its full development will be established. It may be anticipated that the continuous execution of the Berlin treaty will restore perfect peace to the Balkan peninsular. The ministry have extended from its programme all demands on the country not absolutely required by the interests of the monarchy." This appears to be a declaration in favor of the army bill.

FRANCE.

LONDON, December 18.—A special dispatch from Paris predicts the early announcement of the new French ministry, perhaps on Saturday next, with M. de Freycinet, minister of public works, premier and M. Waddington as minister of foreign affairs. There will be two or three vacancies in the cabinet, besides that of the ministry of justice, caused by the resignation of M. Leowyer.

SPAIN.

MADRID, December 18.—In the chamber of deputies to-day, the minister of the interior, in reply to the interpellation of the minority, said the government had not intended to offend the minority and they ought again to attend the sittings of the chamber in order to discuss the acts of the government.

RUSSIA.

LONDON, December 18.—A letter, to the Cologne Gazette from St. Petersburg says that the reason the police have so little success in discovering the nihilists, is that they are hidden where the police do not venture to look. The conspirators are to be found in the drawing rooms of the rich and the noble, hence a police in the employ of a court within whose very circle these people carry on their schemes is powerless.

A CHILIAN VICTORY

In Which the Forces of Bolivia and Peru are Routed.

LONDON, December 17.—The details of the Chilian victory states that the allied forces of Peru and Bolivia, 11,000 strong, marching northward from Novia to effect a junction with a reinforcement of 5,000 men under the command of the president of Bolivia, were attacked on the 21st of November. The Chilians advanced a corps of 6,000 men who occupied an entrenched position at Dorjalo, near Aqua Santa. The Chilians' heavy cannon committed great ravages among the ranks of the enemy, whose cavalry charged three times upon the guns and attempted to carry them, but their efforts on each occasion were unsuccessful. In the evening the rear of the Chilian force came up and decided the day. The allied forces were driven back and their camp taken, in which thirteen cannon were found. Many wounded officers, including the Bolivian General Villigas, were taken prisoners, and another of the allied generals killed. The losses of the Chilian forces were heavy.

A Gin on Fire.

PETERSBURG, VA., December 18.—A large cotton gin at Weldon, N. C., belonging to T. I. Emery, was destroyed by fire to day, with fifteen bales and a large quantity of loose cotton. Loss, $30,000; no insurance. The fire originated by the friction of the gin igniting the cotton while passing through it. An adjoining building, valued at $2,000, belonging to the Petersburg railroad company, also took fire and was completely destroyed.

The Maine Count.

AUGUSTA, December 18.—The full details of the count made by the governor and council show the following results: In the senate the fusionists are given 20 members and the republicans 11. In the house the fusionists have 78 representatives, the republicans 61 and five cities with 12 republican representatives, Portland, Bath, Lewiston, Rockland and Saco, are disfranchised. The house will thus be 12 members short at organization.

PULLING FOR PRIZES

WITH RAILROAD KINGS AS ACTORS.

Louisville Felicitations on the Prospect of Direct Trade with the Gate City—Colonel Newcomb and Colonel Cole Express Their Respective Views.

VICE-PRESIDENT NEWCOMB TALKS.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

The following is the substance of a very interesting interview with Mr. Newcomb:

Telegrams announcing the purchase of the Georgia Western road, presumably in the interest of the Louisville and Nashville, were received here a few days since, and a few of our readers doubtless comprehended the importance of this movement.

No official acknowledgment was made by the Louisville and Nashville people, who have studiously striven to keep the matter quiet until their plans were finally consummated, they having been naturally reticent upon the subject, and avoided all mention or reference to the subject.

It now transpires that the L. & N. has been quietly at work for several weeks past, procuring, through secret agents, the franchise and road-bed of the partially-constructed Georgia Western road. This valuable charter was granted a number of years ago (we believe before the war), and possessed, among other exceptional and uncommon grants, banking privileges.

So quietly and secretly has the whole transaction been managed that only a few of the directors of the company were cognizant of what was transpiring, and it is now developed that the special called meeting, composed of only the city directors and Mr. Green, of New York, which was held here last week, authorized the president, the vice president and general manager to secure the property upon such terms as they deemed advisable. The trade was then practically consummated, and the contract signed. All that was wanting was the indorsement of the attorneys of the road that the franchise had not lapsed and the charter was all right. The deed of conveyance was recorded at Atlanta only on yesterday, so that in fact all intelligence was premature and unofficial up to this moment. Colonel DeFuniak, general manager of the L. & N., arrived at Atlanta Sunday night, Colonel Cole, ex-Governor Brown and other parties, who were contending for the control of the franchise, being already upon the ground. The agents of the Louisville and Nashville had already got in their work, and the other gentlemen were too late.

"The importance and value to the Louisville and Nashville," said Mr. Newcomb, "and the advantages which she acquires by this stroke of strategy, can only be faintly realized.

"We have acquired, for a mere song, a road which the city of Atlanta has already expended half a million dollars upon, with valuable depot and terminal facilities at the city of Atlanta. The road is graded some thirty-seven miles, and it will tap a fine mineral region, supplying the city of Atlanta with cheap and inexhaustible fuel, a boon to the people of Atlanta, which they will no doubt appreciate, as cheap coal is all that is wanted to make that flourishing city a great manufacturing center.

"That the people of Atlanta will appreciate the helping hand of the Louisville and Nashville road which is extended to them, no one can doubt, who knows her people.

We learn upon the best authority that a corps of engineers will be sent out immediately to survey both of the projected routes, as the charter provides for the building of the Georgia Western road from Atlanta to Birmingham, Ala., or Decatur, and the Louisville and Nashville has thus the choice of the two routes. Until the surveys are completed, they cannot determine which route they will select."

In answer to the question, "What advantages are acquired?" Mr. Newcomb said:

"By this movement the Louisville and Nashville secure an independent line into the city of Atlanta, and obtain the advantage of her long haul to Decatur or Birmingham instead of delivering her traffic and passengers to the Nashville and Chattanooga at Nashville, as she does now, only obtaining 186 miles haul."

PRESIDENT COLE ALSO TALKS.

Nashville American.

Reporter—Have you seen the Louisville Post and News of the 12th inst., giving an interview with H. Victor Newcomb, in which it is stated that "the origin of Cole's energetic efforts to extend a complete system Mr. Newcomb seemed to attribute to the fact that the Louisville and Nashville road has formed an alliance with Colonel Wadley, of Georgia, by which it could put freight in Atlanta, Macon, Brunswick, Savannah and other cities without using Cole's Nashville and Chattanooga line?"

Colonel Cole—Yes, sir, I have read the interview with my friend, Mr. Newcomb, that you refer to, and upon the statement of facts made, it would seem to be a fair inference that, if energetic action on my part to "complete a system" to St. Louis and the great west was not absolutely necessary. Especially was this necessary after the "alliance" between the Louisville and Nashville railroad, Colonel Wadley and General Alexander referred to by Mr. Newcomb, which "alliance" without notice to or any conference with Governor Brown, president Western and Atlantic railroad, or myself, by which the Louisville and Nashville railroad now proposes to send freight from their main line, Evansville division and Nashville via Montgomery to the points named, a difference in distance, when compared with the route via Chattanooga, calculating from Nashville, where both lines cross, of 191 miles to Atlanta, and of 108 miles to Macon or Savannah.

Reporter—Have you ever refused to prorate with the Louisville and Nashville over your roads for any freights?

Col. Cole—No, sir; we have always been willing to prorate with them on all business they offered us, over all the roads controlled by this company, and also over all roads in which I had any interest.

Reporter—But have you not been refusing freights to go over your line when brought by steamboats, in competition with the main line of the Louisville and Nashville road from Louisville and other points to Nashville and Johnsonville?

Colonel Cole—Yes; we have been doing so for the last six or seven years, as we did not want to antagonize their interest. But it was not so before the war. Then a large amount of business was brought to Nashville from Louisville and other points by steamboats in competition with the Louisville and Nashville railroad.

Reporter—Mr. Newcomb seems to think that by purchasing the St. Louis and Southeastern railway you have antagonized the other roads that come in competition with it. How is this?

Colonel Cole—It certainly means no antagonism of the lines north of the Ohio river by our purchase of this road, and I cannot see why we are to do this. The road was there and had to be operated by some parties, and for years its competitors have complained that we did not, as its southern connection, prevent the management of the St. Louis and Southeastern from cutting and in other ways demoralizing rates. Now, as we control that road, we can be held responsible for such demoralization against the interests of roads competing with it. Besides this, we intend to offer the utmost fairness in rates, running, etc., with our connections via the Northwestern road, the Illinois Central, Cairo Short Line and Cairo and Vincennes, at Cairo, and the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern railway at Columbus. We will gladly receive from each of them all the business they may bring us upon the most favorable terms awarded to any connection and the same as by our new road through Indiana and Illinois.

Reporter—It seems to be a fact that you intend to reach some point on the south Atlantic with your line from St. Louis. What point have you in view?

Colonel Cole—You must excuse me from giving a categorical answer. With a line from St. Louis to Chattanooga controlled entirely by my company and the road from Chattanooga to Atlanta controlled in harmony by myself and friends, I can afford to rest at Atlanta for the time being. There are three or four outlets to the sea, one by the way of the Georgia railroad to Charleston and Port Royal, another by the Central railroad and another to Brunswick from Macon. Brunswick and Port Royal, I have always understood, offer the best facilities, so far as a harbor is concerned; but I have lately been informed that a harbor probably equal to either is below Savannah, which would require the construction of only about seventeen miles of road to reach, and if this be so, the prosperous city of Savannah, with the ocean steamship lines of the Central railroad already established, would be additional inducements.

Reporter—Is the enterprise of securing "a complete system" from the great west to tide-water one of late inception to you?

Colonel Cole—No, sir; in 1868 I was elected president of the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad company, retaining the position of general superintendent of the Georgia railroad, and by reference to my reports made to the latter company from 1869 to 1874 it will be seen that such a line was a cherished idea of mine though all those years.

Reporter—I see in an Atlanta paper a reference to the fact that you were once defeated for president of the Georgia railroad, and in consequence that road may be left out of your calculations in going to the sea.

Colonel Cole—The first matter referred to is a mistake, although of late it has often been repeated in the newspapers. I never was a candidate for the presidency of the Georgia railroad; and that I should leave it out through spite does me great injustice. The matter I am working for is purely business and nothing more. It is true that in 1875 some of the large stockholders and directors in the Georgia railroad differed from me at that time about through freights and through lines, which they had a perfect right to do, and in consequence I wrote a communication to the board of directors of the Georgia railroad at its May convention in that year declining any official relations with the company. It is also true that in the early part of 1878 I was elected a director in the Georgia railroad board without my seeking and in my absence, and at the May convention of that company in the same year I earnestly supported the Hon. John P. King for president, believing that his re-election after a successful administration of the affairs of the company for nearly a third of a century was the highest interest to the stockholders of that road. The stockholders, however, differed from my views, which was their right and privilege, and defeated Judge King for the presidency and myself as a director, being on Judge King's ticket. I only go into particulars in answering your question in order that the statements about my having been a candidate for the presidency might be corrected. And while I repeat most emphatically that the personal matters referred to have no influence upon my mind in the great enterprise I have in hand, yet the greatest harmony in the management of such a line is absolutely necessary to success.

ST. LOUIS TO ATLANTA.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The report that the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway have obtained control of the St. Louis and Southeastern, from Evansville to St. Louis, has been confirmed. The particulars have not been made known, but the transfer will take place the first of the year. The Nashville and Chattanooga last summer purchased the Nashville and Owensboro right of way from Nashville to Owensboro, on the Ohio river, and twenty-five miles of the road are now completed. From Owensboro to Evansville right of way has also been obtained. By this time next year the Nashville and Chattanooga will have in operation a good line from Nashville to Evansville, which will be six miles shorter than the Louisville and Nashville (old Southeastern). Having now obtained control of the Southeastern, northern division, the Nashville and Chattanooga will in a short time have a direct line from St. Louis to Atlanta, and all of one gauge. This is a very important combination to St. Louis, and will be of great advantage to the Nashville and Chattanooga railway, placing that company in the front rank of southern railways. It is said that the Louisville and Nashville expected to get possession of the whole of the southeastern, but they were outgeneraled by the Nashville and Chattanooga, and will have to be content with the poorer half. There will, of course, be a general change of officers here in the Southeastern, but who will go or who will stay has not yet been made known.

BRIGHT NEWS.

Louisville Post and News.

The news from Atlanta is bright. Heretofore the Louisville freight for Atlanta and points beyond have been delivered at Nashville to the Nashville and Chattanooga road. Hereafter they will be carried to Decatur or Birmingham, on the South and North Alabama road, and from there to Atlanta, the entire route under control of the Louisville line.

PRESIDENT WADLEY SPEAKS.

SAVANNAH, November 17.—At a stockholders' meeting to-day President Wadley, of the Georgia Central railroad, announced that the policy of the company had been to leave undisturbed the established centers of trade, but the ample facilities it possessed would be employed to circumvent hostile legislation which had been foreshadowed in the interests of other lines detrimental to the Georgia Central railroad and the city of Savannah. That the company were prepared to accord every privilege desired by the northwest in the transportation of freights and he could not divine the motives of those whom rumor had it were striving to open up new lines which would injuriously affect the Savannah and the Central Georgia railroad when there was no necessity for it. The company, however, were determined to use all their advantages to protect their interests.

THE RAILROAD MEN.

Session of the Southern Railway and Steamship Association.

The southern railway and steamship association was again in session yesterday, with a large attendance of the leading railroad managers and superintendents of the west and south. At the opening of the session the report of the committee upon a revision of agreements was read. A number of amendments were adopted which made many changes in the working details of the association. The report with the amendments added was then adopted. The president and secretary were authorized by the convention to have the rules and agreements of the association codified for the use and convenience of the members of the body. These rules and agreements go into effect immediately, and remain unchanged until January 28th, upon which day the association will again meet in convention in Atlanta for the purpose of discussing the manner in which the new rules and agreements work, and also for the purpose of making any additional changes if necessary.

A resolution was adopted by the body during the session which removes the commissioners' office from Macon to Atlanta. This change will be made April 1st. The association adjourned to meet again in Atlanta, January 28th.

The Tichbone Case.

LONDON, December 18.—The writ of error in the case of Arthur Orton, the "Tichbone claimant," to bring up the question whether Chief Justice Cockburn should not have made the two sentences of seven years penal servitude concurrent instead of successive, is made returnable at the term of the court of appeals commencing on the 12th of January next, but as most of the judges will then be on the circuit, the case will probably not be argued until February.

An Appeal For Ireland.

LONDON, November 18.—The Duchess of Marlborough, wife of the lord lieutenant of Ireland, writes to the Times that she intends to start a relief fund for the sufferers in Ireland, and appeals for contributions. She says: "While the present distress is actual or possible, it is not for a moment comparable to that of 1847, still undoubtedly in parts of Kerry, Galway, Sligo, Mayo, Roscommon, Donegal and Cork, there will be extreme misery and suffering among the poor."

Caught Up With.

CHICAGO, December 18.—Detectives yesterday arrested Thos. Wall, an employe of the Southern express company at New Orleans, where in 1868 he stole a package containing $10,800. At that time Wall was traced to Texas, and since then, till a few weeks ago, he has been lost sight of. He says he has been in Texas, Boston, New York, San Francisco and Chicago since the theft. He has been taken to New Orleans.

STICK A PIN HERE.

AND REMEMBER THAT MAINE IS OURS.

The Indignation of the Republicans Over the Democratic Success in the Land of Blaine and Bryant—A Word to Mr. Felton—General Grant and His Boom.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—The news from Maine has paralyzed the stalwarts. In the absence of Blaine they hardly know which way to turn for relief and can only breathe out imprecation and make the air sulphurous. The venerable Hamlin switches the tail of his claw-hammer coat and retires to the coat-room to wipe the wrath from his brow. Imagining that Representative Reed would be a good subject on which to operate, he was approached while he was engaged in killing time between adjournment and dinner.

"Anything fresh from your state, Mr. Reed?"

"No, not to-day. I know nothing more than I see in the morning papers and that is damnable enough. It is a subject we don't care to talk about, you can easily see."

"Is not the governor at least technically right?"

"Nothing can be technically right which is absolutely wrong. I'll tell you all the ground on which they stand. Garcelon and the council received the returns from the city of Portland, where we had a majority of six hundred. The clerk in his statement sets forth that so many votes were cast for this man, so many for another and fourteen scattering. Now even granting that the fourteen considered scattering were to be given to the highest democratic candidate they would not make a ripple in our majority and yet because the parties receiving these dozen votes are not specified in the return, Garcelon throws out the entire vote of the city of Portland. It has often happened that owing to irregularities of one sort or another the board has cast out the returns from what we call a plantation but never in the history of the state has any party dared to take advantage of such technicalities to pitch out the vote of a city.

"What redress have you?"

"By Jove! we havn't got any. Just got to stand by and see it done. Can't get any relief out of the legislature, because they are the fellows counted in, and it's no use to appeal from Philip drunk to Philip tight. It's the greatest crime ever committed in the history of the world."

"How does this affect the senatorship?"

"Not at all. We elect an entirely new legislature each year until next, when they hold over two years. The next legislature will decide the senatorship."

"Who will be governor now?"

"I don't know and I don't care, but we'll make them sick next time."

Mr. Hamlin thinks it used to be that the party which acted honestly thrived best, but he now is inclined to the solemn conviction, probably based on the returning boards of 1876, that the party which steals most gets along best. Murch says it's all right, and that Garcelon has stirred up the animals by doing his plain legal duty.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

J. V. Deveaux, a very intelligent colored man, represents Georgia on the national republican committee, and is now in the city to attend its meeting. He says that the letter of Congressman Felton, attacking the democratic party, had no effect whatever in Georgia, where the circumstances were understood. Felton was opposed in the nominating convention by the democratic organization of the state, and was defeated by them. He ran as an independent candidate, was again opposed by the state party organization, and money was furnished his opponent by the democratic national organization; but Felton was elected, and came to congress. He opposed the policy of his party last session, and saw a chance to revenge himself by denouncing it. But Deveaux says that Felton will never be found supporting a republican for any office, and is as much a democrat as he ever was.

Mr. Nicholl's holds somewhat similar views to those of Senator Gordon. He has pleasant quarters at Williard's. He is a most pleasant gentleman; and although he has not been long in congress, is beginning to be looked to when careful work is to be done. He said this afternoon in Williard's lobby that the policy of work by the democrats was the true one. They should avoid all disastrous talk and give the republicans no chance to repeat their work of misrepresentation, as developed in the extra session. He fears that there are several democrats of the Blackburn and Springer stripe who will endeavor, despite the advice of the party and its leaders, to shove themselves to the front by the same means that they have employed in the past. This fear would seem to be unfounded, because the restraint that has been placed up in this class of democrats is so firm that they cannot misunderstand it. Mr. Nicholls will have Senator Gordon as a fellow boarder at Williard's. This is no advertisement of Williard's, because there are plenty of other hotels in this city where as good accommodations at lower rates can be secured.

"It is better to be born lucky than rich," as is the case of Major Madison Bell. Since his return he has been promoted to a higher place in the treasury department.

Hon. Ben Hill dined with Mr. Chittenden and a party of capitalists the other day. The party were delighted with Mr. Hill and his views on the currency question. Mr. Hill goes very near as far as Mr. Bayard in his views on finance.

To-morrow congress will adjourn for the holidays. Already a number of the members have left for their homes. The Christmas does not bid to be very lively as the length of the recess will admit of nearly everybody going to their homes, clerks as well as members.

Shelley, of Alabama, will not push his bill to inquire into the cause of the negro exodus from the south until after the holidays, and then he proposes to go to the bottom. He will show that the exodus has been carefully worked up; that negroes have been threatened with disfranchisement by republican leaders in at least one southern state, if they did not emigrate to where they were told to go. Mr. Shelley has obtained much valuable information from leading colored men here, who do not wish to see the poor and ignorant of their race duped into going to sections of the country north where they would starve, because they are unused to the climate, and not prepared to meet the rigors of the present winter. The facts elicited will be of great interest as showing the methods by which the exodus was brought about.

Judge Martindale, of Indianapolis, who is here as a member of the national republican executive committee, told your correspondent to-day that Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, told him quite recently that Tilden was his first love for the democratic presidential nomination, but that if Tilden was not renominated he would support Grant.

It has become known here that a company of General Grant's intimate political and personal friends will hold a consultation in Philadelphia during his stay there, with a view of deciding whether, in their judgments, he ought to be a candidate for the republican nomination. Quite a number of these friends are decided in their opposition to his candidacy. A number of them are also understood to hold that the time has come when he should decide the matter one way or the other, and that he cannot afford to have the subject continue any longer a matter of doubt. Among those who will have part in this conference are the chief men in the Nicaragua canal project, and they will strongly urge General Grant to accept the position they offer. General Grant's friends here expect an announcement, which will be by authority, within a week.

Many persons are deceived by the appearance of the appropriation bills in the house before the holidays into the belief that there will be an early final adjournment of congress. An examination of the records show that it is customary to have these bills come in before the holidays, as they are the ones upon which there is generally no discussion. The long sessions of the past six congresses lasted until the middle of June at least, and several until July, and there are no indications now that this will be any different from former sessions. In fact, the experienced ones calculate upon exciting times after the holidays, and exciting sessions mean long sessions.

In conversation respecting the anti-polygamy laws and the bills on that subject introduced in the house by Mr. Willits, of Michigan, Delegate Cannon, of Utah, said that he does not believe that those laws can ever be made effective. He declares that the desire to disfranchise Mormons is born of a hope among impecunious people in Utah that they will be able to control the offices and disburse the taxes of Utah if the scheme of disfranchisement is carried out. Mr. Cannon denies that he has recently been married to a fifth wife. He says also that it would be contrary to all precedent for the house of representatives to take any action toward expelling him. If he has offended against the laws, he is to be tried by the laws, and not by congress. He refers approvingly to the grounds taken by General Butler a few years ago when it was proposed to expel several members of the house for their connection with the credit mobilier speculation. General Butler then declared that the people of a congressional district might send a known thief to congress if they should like, and that the house would have no right to expel him. The people of Utah elected Mr. Cannon knowing him to be a polygamist, and that gentleman says the house has nothing to do with that fact. Mr. Willits has proposed his amendment to the anti-polygamy laws in order to meet the present difficulty of proving a polygamous marriage. His amendment is in the form of a section to be added to the bill introduced by Representative Young, of Ohio, on the 2d instant. As amended, the bill provides that no statute of limitations of the United States shall be a bar to any prosecution of any person for the crime of bigamy until two years after the last act of cohabitation between the parties to any bigamous marriage. Proof of the actual rite or ceremony of either marriage is not to to be required, but it shall be sufficient to establish such charge of bigamy if it shall be satisfactorily proved that the defendant within the time prescribed by law cohabited with more than one woman, claiming and recognizing them contemporaneously as his wives. Mr. Cannon thinks that there are grave constitutional objections to this bill as an ex post facto measure.

The sub-committee of the house committee on militia, to whom was referred the resolution authorizing the secretary of war to furnish the Cherokee artillery company, of Rome, Ga., a battery of field artillery and equipments, has agreed to report favorably on the bill with the amendment that the secretary of war be authorized to loan to said company a battery of four guns with equipments and take bond for their safe keeping and return when called for. General Benet, chief of ordnance, has assured Representative Speer, chairman of the sub-committee, that he can readily supply guns and equipments.

Daniel M. Harthers and D. C. Pearson, have been appointed storekeepers and gaugers for the sixth district of North Carolina.

The senate was in executive session today, and confirmed the nomination of J. B. Sener, of Virginia, to be chief justice of Wyoming, and the following nominations of postmasters: Francis W. Thorne, at Brackettsville, Texas, and James W. Ward, at Corpus Christi, Texas.

Andrew Clark, internal revenue collector at Atlanta, Ga., in a dispatch to Commissioner Raum, reports the seizure of four illicit distilleries, and says the deputy marshal accompanying him made several arrests.

The house committee of education and labor to-day agreed upon the bill introduced by Representative Goode, at the last session, and ordered a favorable report to be made to the house. The bill provides that the net proceeds of the sales of the public lands shall be forever consecrated and set apart for the education of the people; that the secretary of the treasury, upon the receipt of the statement from the secretary of the interior of the amount of net receipts from sales of public lands for each year shall apportion such receipts to the several states on the basis of their population between the ages of five and twenty-one years. After five years half of said net proceeds and after ten years the whole of the same shall be set apart as an educational fund and invested in United States 4 per cent. bonds, the interest of which shall be appropriated as above provided.

Postmaster-General Key has ordered the establishment of the free delivery system at Macon, Ga., and Little Rock, Ark., to go into effect January 1st.

The house committee on the revision of laws also considered and discussed at some length to-day the joint resolution introduced by Mr. Townsend at the last session of congress, proposing as an amendment to the constitution that no claim shall hereafter be paid or allowed by the United States as damages or otherwise for any property, real or personal, taken, injured, used or destroyed by the United States troops or by order of any officers, civil or military, acting under the authority thereof, during the late war for the maintenance of the union in any of the states, which were engaged in war against the government of the United States. The committee postponed action on the bill until after the holiday recess.

Representative Acklins's bill introduced in the house to-day provides that the president of the national board of health, surgeon-general of the navy, surgeon-general of the army and president of the state board of health shall be empowered to establish quarantine stations on the lines of the road leading to and from any city or section that has been declared infected with yellow fever, and shall alone have power to make and put in force quarantine regulations affecting passengers, baggage or freight.

The Spanish minister in this city received a telegram from Madrid to-night announcing that the first five sections of the act for the abolition of slavery in Cuba were passed in the Spanish senate to-day, and that the whole law will be passed on Tuesday next by a strong majority.

The comptroller of currency has called on the national banks for their reports showing their condition at the close of business on Friday, December 12. The comptroller reports that the amount of additional circulation issued to banks in November was $3,109,550, and during the month of December to the 10th instant, was $2,023,370, making $5,132,720, since the date of the table published in his last report. The amount of legal tender notes deposited for the purpose of retiring the circulation during the same time, is $415,640, making a net increase of $4,717,040.

The Federal Congress.

THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 18.—The vice-president laid before the senate a communication from the secretary of the treasury transmitting, in compliance with the senate resolutions calling therefor, information concerning the effect upon revenues and upon consumers of the repeal of duty on tea and coffee in 1872. Referred to the committee on finance.

Mr. Saulsbury, from the committee on privileges and elections, reported a resolution that an attachment issue to the sergeant-at-arms commanding him to bring to the bar of the senate for contempt Mr. Smith and other witnesses subpoenaed by the sub committee to investigate the charges against Senator Ingalls, and who have refused to testify. Adopted.

Mr. Hoar presented a petition signed by Robert C. Winthrop, Charles Francis Adams and other distinguished members of the Massachusetts historical society, praying a suitable appropriation for the erection of a monument to commemorate the victory of Yorktown. Referred to the committee on the library.

Mr. Hoar presented petitions of citizens asking the appointment of a labor commission. Referred to the committee on education and labor.

The resolution introduced by Mr. Davis (West Virginia), reported yesterday from the committee on agriculture, instructing the agricultural committees of both houses to consider the subject of agriculture and report what ought to be done by the government to promote agricultural interests, was adopted.

The senate proceeded to consider the pension appropriation bill, and it was passed.

The senate took up the Voorhees resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the causes of the negro emigration from the south. Mr. Voorhees spoke upon it. It led to a long and animated debate which occupied most of the afternoon. Mr. Voorhees said it was desirable to know whether the exodus was or was not caused, as alleged, by unjust political treatment of negroes in the south. Indians did not wish to be colonized by negroes any more than California to be colonized by Chinese. He considered Mr. Windom's amendment providing inquiry with regard to setting apart separate territories for negro colonists premature, and let the committee act on its own discretion with regard to such suggestion.

After a brief defense by Mr. Windom of his amendment, Mr. Hill (Georgia) said he was tired of these congressional investigations. The negro exodus would settle itself. The talk about the cause of the movement was gammon. The negroes were contented in direct proportion to the time the southern states had been freed from corrupt, bad rule. The number of colored school children in Georgia would probably reach 90,000 this year, and the tax books showed that the colored people of that state had more than $5,000,000 in real estate. The discontent among the negroes was in the unthrifty and worthless classes, who were worked upon by designing men. He had doubted the capacity of the blacks to become good citizens, but was glad to admit they had done better than was expected. They had found out that their old masters instead of being their worst enemies, as they had been told, were their best friends. He would not, however, further oppose the resolution than to deprecate it on general principles.

A vote was then taken on Mr. Windom's amendment, which was rejected, Messrs. Hill and Garland voting with the republicans.

Mr. Ransom (North Carolina) said he voted against the amendment because it contained the unjust assumption that the negroes had been ill treated by the whites. To show that this was not the case, he quoted ex-Governor Holden, Hon. R. C. Badger and several republican state representatives and prominent colored citizens of North Carolina, who declared that the colored people of that state had not been unfairly dealt with. Mr. Ransom thought that the southern treatment of negroes would compare favorably with the northern treatment of Indians. One race is visibly and rapidly improving while the other is disappearing from the earth.

Mr. Hoar (Massachusetts) asked, if the negroes were well treated in the south, why they were emigrating to an inhospitable climate?

Mr. Ransom asked in return why if the people were well treated in Massachusetts, they were emigrating to Tennessee. If the cause was oppressive in one case, why not in the other? He thought the exodus was due to the misrepresentation of various people, perhaps of some republican senators. He would like to know why the colored emigration had been diverted from Kansas to Indiana.

Mr. Windom—Perhaps because the negroes, as Mr. Hill says, are so fond of democratic rule, and Indiana is about the only northern democratic state left.

Mr. McDonald—I would suggest that it is because they are more fond of democratic than republican charity.

Mr. Windom quoted from the reports of Senators Bayard, Beck and Blair of several years ago, when they were investigating the condition of the southern negroes to the effect that in the natural course of events, there was no future alternative for the negro between exodus and extinction.

Mr. Hill called attention to the fact that when this report was made the republicans had control of the southern state governments. The situation was then indeed deplorable, and if it had continued there might have been no alternative between exodus and extinction, but the situation is now happily changed.

After some further debate, in which Messrs. Ingalls, Hill, Jonas, and others participated, and after a slight modification of Mr. Voorhees's resolution, a vote was taken thereupon, and resulted ayes 27, nays 12. The senate then adjourned.

THE HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Gibson (Louisiana) a resolution was adopted authorizing the committee on Mississippi levees to proceed over the Mississippi river to its mouth at such times as the committee may direct for the purpose of acquiring knowledge of its pecular condition and wants and gathering information relative to the best method for its improvement, with power to take action.

The call of committees for reports is now progressing.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. Gibson, (Louisiana) to authorize national banks to make loans on real estate. Also to repeal section 3412 of the revised statutes with regard to national banks.

By Mr. Acklin, (Louisiana) for the regulation of inter-state freights and passengers and to relieve the same from the restrictions of local quarantine.

Mr. Hatch (Missouri), from the committee on agriculture, reported a bill to repeal so much of the internal revenue law as prohibits farmers and planters from selling leaf tobacco to others than manufacturers without special tax. Referred to the committee of the whole.

Mr. Scales (North Carolina) chairman of the committee on Indian affairs, reported back amendments to the senate bill for the removal of the Utes from Utah, and asked its immediate consideration.

The house went into a committee of the whole, laid aside previous business and proceeded to debate it at great length. The debate was participated in by Messrs. Springer, Hooker and Scales; by Mr. Conger, who denounced the bill as a fraud; by Mr. Haskill (Kansas), who asserted the right of the president to proclaim the entire abrogation of the Ute treaty; by Mr. Belford (California), who remarked that the bill denounced by him as a fraud, had been prepared by the secretary of the interior; by Mr. Keifer (Ohio) and others. Finally, the committee rose without action and the house adjourned.

DOWN IN DIXIE.

THE Alabama river is very high.

WACO, Texas, has eleven thousand inhabitants.

WEST VIRGINIA has a school population of 266,274.

THE colored people of Anderson, S. C., have opened a co-operative store.

THE orange crop on the islands near Beaufort, S. C., has been quite large.

TRAVEL over the Arkansas Midland railway is very large.

VICKSBURG, Miss., has at no season ever received as much cotton as at the present one.

JACKSON, Miss., has a new opera house which will seat 900 persons.

TEXAS will raise nearly one fourth of the entire cotton crop of the United States.

Six life saving stations have been established on the coast of Texas.

Two young Germans have gone into the silk worm culture in Brenham, Texas.

FOUR students of the Richmond institute, in Virginia, desire to become missionaries in Africa.

SOUTH CAROLINA expends for education $1.65 per capita of her school population.

THE bar-room bell-punch has had its day in Virginia.

A CLEMENT attachment will be run in Selma, Ala., by a $20,000 joint stock company.

CHARLESTON COUNTY, South Carolina, has the largest scholastic population in South Carolina—27,234.

THE college students of Lexington, Ky., have formed a young men's Christian association.

THERE are 169 students at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

OVER six million bushels of coal are coming into the Mississippi river from Pittsburg.

DIPHTHERIA is very prevalent in Louisville, Kentucky.

CHARLES KILGOUR, of Cincinnati, recently purchased the Memphis water-works for $155,000.

A NEW and fatal disease is making sad havoc among horses near Cynthiana, Ky.

KENTUCKY is destined to be the fountain head of the lithographic industry.

TWELVE thousand tickets to Cole's circus were sold for three performances in Memphis.

COLUMBUS has shipped to date more than any town in east Mississippi.

ONE thousand earth closets are in use in New Orleans, and work admirably.

RICHMOND, Virginia, has a soup house for the poor, established by the ladies of the city mission.

FIFTY indictments have been brought against the saloon keepers of Dallas, Texas, for violation of the Sunday law.

THE demi monde are permitted to occupy reserved seats, front row in the opera house at Sherman, Texas.

OAK RIDGE, N. C., is picking up smartly on account of the trade in sassafras oil and the rise in price.

THE Central railroad company of Texas uses about 40,000 gallons of water daily for its locomotives and shops at Corsicana.

ON account of want of money the public schools of Richmond, Va., have

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THE WEEKLY CONSTITUTION is a carefully edited compendium of the news of the week and contains the best and freshest matter to be found in any other weekly from a daily office. Its news and miscellaneous contents are the freshest and its market reports the latest.

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ATLANTA, GA., DECEMBER 19, 1879

BLAINE will now be compelled to conduct an anti-third-term campaign. It is his only chance; and it is hardly a chance at all for the cards are stocked against him, and he will be shut out from the rotten boroughs of the party in the south.

THE Chilenos have only to meet the allied forces of Peru and Bolivia to defeat them. Another victory or two will put the Peruvians at least in a road to listen to the intervention of some friendly power. Chili is proving as powerful on land as on water.

DON CAMERON might give his friend and relative, John Sherman, a chance to secure some delegates from the south, but he will give Blaine none at all. Blaine claims that Cameron betrayed him at Cincinnati when Hayes snatched the nomination from the Maine statesman, and there has been bad blood between them ever since.

CONGRESSMAN BLOUNT is a bigger man than old man Grant in Macon. He has given that city free delivery of mail matter, and made it the center of a new judicial district. If he keeps on as he has begun, he may urge congress to move the capital to Macon. Whatever he presses upon the attention of congress is sure to go through.

A CONSIDERABLE majority of the national republican committee are supporters of Grant, and the rest prefer Blaine as first choice. Two only will support Sherman, and that as second choice—one of these being the colored member from Georgia, who holds a place in the custom-house at Savannah. Sherman is in fact almost without a friend in the national committee of his party.

THE democratic national committee will not meet until the 22d of February, to determine when and where the next national convention shall be held. The choice of places ranges from St. Louis to Boston, Philadelphia having perhaps the most backers just at present. Baltimore and Cincinnati are not without partisans. The convention will probably be held about the first of July.

THE news from Afghanistan leaves the British forces cooped up in Sherpur cantonment, which overlooks Cabul and commands some of the entrances to it. Cabul itself is in the hands of the Afghans, and so is nearly all the rest of the country. The different tribes and cliques are doing some fighting among themselves, but it is safe to say that they will unite at every good opportunity to defeat the invaders. The British forces are in no present danger, but their line of communication is cut, and cannot be restored until reinforcements arrive. In the meanwhile snow is accumulating in the passes.

THE selection of Don Cameron as chairman of the republican national committee, and of Chicago as the meeting place of the convention, is a double Grant victory. Cameron was a member of Grant's cabinet; Grant has publicly said that he is one of the few really great men in this country, and Cameron is, in short, an avowed third-term man. Sherman is his wife's uncle, and Blaine is Pennsylvania-born, but Cameron will prove true to Grant. And so will Chicago. The New York Herald says that, with Don Cameron at the head of the committee, "it is safe to predict that there will be no "lack of ability or money for so organizing the southern republicans that "their delegates to the national convention will express their real preference."

The Bright Side of the Exodus.

The exodus movement in North Carolina, which has for its purpose the planting of republican votes in Indiana has been conceived and carried out, as we are told by those who have investigated the matter, in the most secret manner. Native white republicans and colored men of intelligence have uniformly been ignored, and the "immigration clubs" have been formed under the supervision of the most disreputable colored men. The movement has been going on ever since the flabby Mr. Windom sickened the senate with a speech on the subject; but why it should be made a secret of is one of the mysteries that will never be explained until some colored politician of the future concludes to make it the subject of a magazine article.

So far as the Georgia negroes are concerned, we hope that when they get ready to take any stock in the exodus they will have the manhood to go about it in the most open manner. If there is any effort to restrain them it will take no severer shape than advice based upon a natural and personal interest in their welfare. There need be no secret about it, and they would probably be the gainers by discussing the question in all its bearing with their white friends. So far as THE CONSTITUTION is concerned, we are frank to say that reflection has considerably modified our opposition to the exodus movement. We have come to the conclusion that the sooner the movement becomes general and effectual and is over with, the better for the south. It is true this view is open to the charge of selfishness, but at the same time it must be apparent to all who have closely studied the subject that some such experience as that to be gained in the trials and tribulations of a general exodus is necessary to convince the great mass of the colored people once for all that they will have to look to their own industry for a livelihood instead of to the charity of the north, or to the bounty of the nation. There will be suffering and the most cruel and bitter disappointments, but the lesson the negroes will learn among the unsympathetic strangers of the west and northwest is worth all the suffering that may precede it.

We are not unfriendly to the colored people. On the contrary, there is not a negro of intelligence in the state but knows that THE CONSTITUTION is anxious to see the race elevated to a proper appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of citizenship; but at the same time, it is apparent to us, as it must be to all reflecting minds, that behind the exodus lies an era of great prosperity for the south. We think, therefore, that in the present world we invite the colored people to sacrifice themselves to the best interests of Georgia. If we are willing to enjoy the fruits of the political and substantial prosperity which would follow the removal of the bulk of the negro population, we are not willing to urge the colored people to face the horrors of the adversity into which such a movement would plunge them. If the movement goes on without the aid of the southern people—indeed, in the face of their protests and in spite of their friendly advice—well and good. We shall not be adverse, under those circumstances, to taking advantage of it. Let the republican politicians be held responsible for the negro exodus from the south, and the southern people will be quite willing to be held responsible for their own future.

It must be apparent even to intelligent colored men that the presence in the south of the great mass of the colored people will always be made the occasion and the excuse of sectional appeals to the north—appeals that must be successful as long as the people of that section continue to remain ignorant of the real relations that time and experience have established between the two races. The northern people, for instance, cannot conceive of any contingency in which a colored man will vote in the direction of his own best interests and the best interests of his white neighbors. They regard him altogether as a political machine, and when he fails to respond to the demands made upon him by the republican bosses, immediately the cry goes up that he is denied the right of suffrage. It is utterly impossible to convince the people of the north in the usual way that the negro is capable of uniting his manhood with judgment and voting as he may please; they believe that he is held in political bondage by the republican party, and they will continue to believe it for a generation or more unless a general exodus of the colored people of the south should sweep the race utterly out of politics as a sectional issue.

All this is well understood by thoughtful colored men, and they will not misunderstand our meaning when we say that there is no sort of objection to a movement in Georgia similar to that which was begun in Louisiana and Mississippi, and which now bids fair to seize upon the negroes of the Carolinas. Georgia would probably miss her colored population more keenly than any other southern state, because they are more intelligent, better disposed, thriftier and more industrious. The interests of our larger planters would suffer somewhat, land would become cheaper, and our congressional representation would be reduced; but all these are temporary evils inseparable from such a movement. The benefits would be many and lasting. Our political prosperity would no longer be weighed down with an issue that can breed nothing but the most hopeless spirit of sectionalism on both sides; a tide of healthy immigration would at once flow in this direction, attracted hither by our wonderful material resources, our unsurpassed climate, and our marvellous agricultural possibilities. We are viewing this matter solely with respect to the future, and not with respect to any of the temporary inconveniences that might result, albeit we are convinced that these inconveniences would be fewer and of far less magnitude than a superficial view might lead one to suppose. Neither the south nor the state of Georgia has anything to lose by an exodus of the colored population even though the movement should sweep the last of the race into the northern and western states. On the contrary, we are inclined to regard the scheming of the poor little republican politicians towards that end as one of the means employed by Providence to lead this section out of the confusion of poverty and distress. But the methods of these politicians are so peculiar that they will bear commenting on at another time.

THEY tell of a congressman in Washington who "has Mr. Hayes's ear." And now what does the unhappy congressman propose to do with it? It would be indelicate to use it either as an umbrella or as a doormat. He might sell it to a green grocer as a tripe, but even this would seem to be sordid and unpatriotic. The congressman is in a dilemma.

COURTNEY claims to use a buzz-saw attachment.

THE New Orleans Picayune wants to know if the next president can be elected without slinging mud. No, dear sir, nine hundred stalwart republicans are already up to their knees in the political brick-yard.

IT is stated that Harrison Reed, at one time republican governor of Florida, is vending vegetables in Jacksonville for a living. He can at least claim that this method is not without the honesty that was lacking when he was engaged with a lot of brother carpet baggers in robbing the state. We wish Harrison success in his new field.

THE editor of the Tribune, in behalf of the south, is lamenting in quite an able style the possibility of a renewal of the exodus. As the Tribune seems to have taken the contract to do our grieving for us, we presume that an effort on our part to betray any feeling would mar the tableau. We shall endeavor to keep a dry eye.

THE king of Spain borrowed $2,000,000 to get married on. In Utah, a man only wants a dollar and a half to get married twice a week.

WE are endeavoring to inveigle the editor of the New York Times into a calm and candid discussion of the situation at the south. The probability is, however, that the editor has other engagements. It is wonderful how busy republican editors become when you endeavor to draw them into a discussion in which they will be compelled to give their readers a glimpse at facts.

HERE is another affront to the whites. It is reliably stated that Ouray, the Ute chief, sleeps on a spring bed.

IF the organs desire to get the republican party solid on the financial issue, they ought to turn over their ink-bottles, and whoop, and howl, and swear that the solid south is about to use the greenback and the silver dollar as instruments to torture the loyal north. Such an argument would have an immense circulation and would be received by the northern people as a fact.

IT is getting time for Mary Anderson to celebrate her twentieth birth-day again.

THE life of an editor is worth living, after all. John Sherman admitted to one of the Washington correspondents of THE CONSTITUTION the other day that he is a reader of this paper. We presume John's copy gradually finds its way into the hands of Mrs. Jenks, who uses it for curl-papers. Sweet thought!

JOHN SHEEMAN wants to increase the duty on rice because the Chinaman manage to subsist on it. The reason is worthy of a Christian statesman.

IT is stated that Mr. John A. Cockerill, formerly of the Baltimore Gazette, has journeyed out west to polish up the editorial page of Mr. Joe Pulsifer's St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Mr. Cockerill has so much of the true spirit of the missionary in his disposition that while he may not remain long in one kraal, he generally leaves the newspaper he edits better than when he found it. He is in all respects one of the most brilliant of modern journalists.

THE ballad department of the New York Tribune seems to have been merely a temporary affair. The public will be glad to learn that Croffut has returned to his pea nut stand.

THE New York Tribune is endeavoring to stiffen up the republican congressmen on the financial issue; but they are disposed to bend even where there is no joint.

THE total absence of the innocent cipher dispatch in Maine is ominous. It begins to look as though the republicans had endeavored to suppress their well-known guilt.

THE Indiana democrats should learn a lesson from the Iowa republicans. It is reliably stated that one tolerably enthusiastic Iowa republican is able to cast more votes on any given election day than two dozen democrats. In this way the Iowa republicans seem to have the upper hand. We trust, however, that before the early spring logs begin to gather in the horizon we will have the editor of the Burlington Hawkeye thoroughly reformed. We will then have an opportunity to preach a few casual sermons to the agricultural editor of the State Register. But some new argument will have to be invented to convert a man who says he heard the meteors during the shower in 1833 pattering against the leaves of the trees.

BLAINE can now warmly sympathize with Senator Thurman; but who will old man Hannerball Hammerlin sympathize with? The outlook is indeed gloomy.

THE editor of the Courier-Journal cries out: "Send the fools to the rear!" This is in the spirit of your true martyr.

MARK TWAIN bumps around between Boston and Bohemia like a poet in disguise. He is either a poet or a reformed circus rider.

IN GENERAL.

—Shopkeepers do not want spectators.

—It used to be "Poor Carlotta!" It is now "Poor Eugenie!"

—Miss Maggie Mitchell has purchased Archie Gordon's play, "Trix."

—The "beautiful dream" brand of mincemeat is to be placed on the market.

—Ouida's nom de plume was her childish pronunciation of her name, Louisa.

—"Know all men by these presents" is the established formula.

—Thackeray is beginning to be a popular author.

—A tête of solid gold is to be presented to General Grant in Philadelphia.

—Now that Xantippe is dead, Wendell Phillips and Carlyle appear to have a monopoly of the scolding business.

—Mr. Courtney has no confidence in himself as an oarsman. He has never received a college education.

—Mrs. Hayes has a little boom of her own. A new Haven paper nominates her for a second term.

—According to Victor Hugo, forty-five is the half-way house between youth and old age.

—Six years ago shad were introduced into California waters. They may now be taken there every month in the year.

—The majority for Wiltz, democrat, for governor of Louisiana is 50,751. The majority for the new constitution is 59,072.

—Christmas shopping is now at its height, and the streets are as lively as though a circus had just come to town.

—Holes in the front of the uniform of Eugenie's son show that he died facing the Zulus. He had emptied his revolver at his assailants.

—The amount Senator David Davis wishes congress to expend for a statue of Chief Justice Marshall in Judiciary square, Washington, is $20,000.

—It is said that Mrs. Hayes finds she can run the white house for $6,000 a year, this salting down $44,000 solid for the boys. And this is why she wants Rutherford to stick.

—Mrs. Langtry "took a tumble to herself" at Brighton the other day. She was amusing herself on parlor skates when one of the rollers came off.

—Homer was a beggar. Spencer died in want. Cervantes died of hunger. Dryden lived in poverty. Joaquin Miller is doing very well.

—The lumber mills of Minneapolis are troubled to get rid of the sawdust, 300,000 cords lying around every year. It should be made into cold Johnny cakes.

—A canal seems to be the manifest destiny of retired greatness. Grant dreams of Nicaragua, and Garibaldi lies awake nights thinking how to change the river Po into a straight canal.

—Full many a gem of purest ray serene,
The weekness of hotel clerks has bespoke;
Full many a diamond's born to shine unseen,
And waste its brightness, while it lies in soak.
—San Francisco Chronicle.

—Painting pictures on old teacups is very nice employment for a woman, but the girl who can fix up a last winter's bonnet is the one who will make her mark in the world.—New York Express.

—One-third of the gold that is mined goes to wear and tear, one-third goes into circulation, and one third into the arts and manufactures. All the gold in the world would make only a pile 25 feet wide, 45 feet long and 25 feet high.

—Mr. O'Connor Power, M. P., says the object of the Irish land league is to convert the whole of the Irish tenants into holders in fee simple by buying out the landlords. He estimates the cost of this operation at £250,000,000.

—Chief Ouray believes and tells the Utes that President Hayes rules the whole world. If Ouray will visit a state fair or two next season he will discover that Hopeful is a "bigger man than Hayes," so far as drawing a crowd is concerned.

—The electric light has successfully crossed the ocean, a Liverpool steamer, just in, having been lit with it during the whole voyage. Unlike other light, it traveled at the rate of only twelve or fifteen miles an hour.

—Mr. Walt Whitman is still in St. Louis—too ill to travel. When he is well enough to leave the house he either goes down to the river to "loaf and invite his soul," or visits a neighboring kindergarten, where the children gather merrily about him to beg for stories.

—An action in the civil courts of Naples has been brought against the ex-khedive of Egypt for the sum of 76,000 francs, the balance of 100,000 francs charged for a splendid porcelain service bought by Ishmail Pasha some years ago from the Ginori establishment, and, it is stated, presented by him to the prince of Wales.

—The new operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan is to be called "The Pirates of Penzance." Though not positively known, the plot is probably founded upon some wild Cornish romance. The new piece is in active preparation and will be produced at the Fifth Avenue theatre, New York, in about ten days.

—Mr. Delane, editor of the London Times, at 24 is a case which stands on a par with Pitt, prime minister, at precisely the same age. "Long before Delane was 30," writes the Spectator, "he was courted by all the initiated as one of the male group who govern the United Kingdom, was as powerful as any cabinet minister, and trusted with every kind of political and social secret."

—A seaman stood upon the deck,
Where lots of other seamen were,
But he from all the rest you'd know,
He was the ancient mariner.
A gray-haired man and maiden fair
Stood by the altar. We infer
The scene was changed, yet still the same.
It was the ancient marryin' 'er.
—San Francisco Chronicle.

—Monsignon Kirby has resigned the office of rector of the Irish college at Rome, which he has held for many years, and will be elevated to the college of cardinals. He will be one of the prelates in attendance on the pope to advise on Irish ecclesiastical affairs, and will be succeeded in the rectorship of the Irish college by Canon Verdon, a nephew of Cardinal Cullen.

—Calcraft, the English hangman, died in London Monday. For forty-six years he held the position of Jack Ketch, and one of the executions performed by him, that of the Mannings, of Bermondsey, in 1849, inspired the account of a London mob at a London hanging, written by Charles Dickens for the London Times. Public executions were discontinued shortly afterward, and since then the hangman has not been a man of so great importance in the public eye.

—The Princess Sarah Winnemucca has been lecturing in San Francisco on the wrongs of the Piute Indians, and has excited much sympathy. Sarah is much esteemed on the Pacific coast. She has been instramental twice, in years past, in keeping her tribe from the warpath. She was petted in Nevada when a young girl, and the old chief, her father, allowed her to remain several years in Carson, or Virginia City, where she received a common-school education.

—One of the most accomplished women in Paris fifteen years ago was Mme. O'Connell. She was the daughter of a chocolate manufacturer of Berlin had a taste for painting, and studied at Brussels, where she married a handsome Irishman, who passed his life in practising fencing and arranging duels. Her salon was one of the most brilliant in Paris, and was frequented by artists, authors and people of culture. The whirligig of time has moved around. She is now lodging among the indigent lunatics in the Ville Evrard asylum, near Paris.

—There is much feeling in Egypt over the removal of Cleopatra's Needle. The Egyptian newspaper, called the Young Egypt, proposes that as soon as the obelisk be removed by Lieutenant Commander Gorringe the land be purchased by the city of Alexandria and a tombstone be placed where the Cleopatra Needle stood, with an inscription to the effect that the stone marks the spot where the obelisk stood until 1877, when it was taken away to the United States of America. A subscription has already been opened in Alexandria for the purpose of carrying into effect this proposition.

—The latest product to which California soil has been found to be well adapted is opium, of which a superb quality, much superior to the opium of commerce, has been raised in the Sonoma valley. The only obstacle to its cultivation is the fact that labor costs more than in the Orient, but that is offset by the better quality of the domestic article, and the absence of heavy duties. There seems to be hardly any product of the earth that cannot be raised in some part of the golden state. Tea, figs, oranges, lemons, bananas, olives, dates, even the cinchona tree and poppy plant grow there along with the fruits and vegetables of temperate climes.

—Mr. Alden, the New York Times humorist, appears on the surface of the literary sea again just long enough to say: "There is no part of the human frame which is more unsatisfactory than the liver. No boy ever had any fun with his liver, and no man ever found his liver a source of pleasure or a means of improvement. The Turks, it is true, believe that the liver is the seat of the affections, and in their poetry and love letters express their ardent desire to win the livers of desirable persons of the opposite sex. This, however, is one of the errors of the Mohammedan faith. We know that to speak of two livers which beat as one is a gross anatomical error."

—Count Lobanoff, the new Russian ambassador to London, and successor of Count Schouvaloff, who leaves England with the repute of being the most fascinating foreigner seen in it for a generation, is a man of great wealth, having inherited a good deal of the famous Potemkin property. His carriage horses are grand animals, "tartars of the Ukraine breed," and he has half a dozen pages, sons of chieftains of the Caucasus, intelligent and handsome lads, dressed in their national costume. His servants are all liveried in the costume worn by the menial kind in the time of Catherine the Great, but his coachman and footmen wear the military garb which was the vogue at the court of the first Alexander. This half European half Oriental state marks all details of Lobanoff's home, and he has a wealth of barbaric pearl and gold to his table appointments.

—Rowell has at length fixed on April 5 as the date, and London or Manchester as the place, for the next Astley belt walk—whose condition are not to be raised, either as regards the entrance fee or the minimum distance for sharing the gate money. Sir John Astley, who insists on preserving the original conditions, shows thereby that he is a longer-headed fellow than Rowell and intellectually deeper. It is not impossible that Rowell hopes a pair of American legs may take the belt next time, in order that his own doughty pins can come over here and win it back, together with much lucre. But if no American competitor presents himself, and Rowell should win in April, it would not be surprising to find him voluntarily announcing the next contest thereafter to be for October, in Gilmore's garden.

The Maine Business.

Louisville Post and News, ind.

The Maine blunder can not be charged to a solid south.

Boston Post, dem.

There are signs of war in Maine, and Blaine had better be looking about for a "substitute."

Cleveland Herald, rep.

Are we about to behold the highly respectable old state of Maine in a condition of civil war? The fact is, it rather looks that way.

Evansville Courier, dem.

Maine will have a democratic governor, and democratic legislature, and a democratic senator. That is the result of the official canvass of the votes cast at the September election. This result has been reached in accordance with the constitution and laws of that state, as the republicans themselves admit. As goes Maine, so goes the union.

Chicago Tribune, rep.

By this audacious act of political burglary the democrats obtain control of two agencies necessary to make doubly sure of the electoral vote of Maine in 1880—first, a majority of the legislature whereby they can pass a law providing for the choosing of presidential electors by that body; and, what is of equal importance, the board of canvassers which is to handle the presidential vote is thus secured for the democracy. They have made a clean sweep, stopping at nothing that stood in their way, and Maine is by this act carried bodily into the democratic fold in spite of herself.

Baltimore Gazette, dem.

If the state authorities in canvassing the Maine election returns have been guilty of any fraud or injustice by which republicans have been counted out and democrats counted in, it is not only a crime but a blunder. But before the democrats outside of Maine pay any attention to the republican howl on the subject, it will be best for them to acquaint themselves with the facts. It is already in evidence that the republican victory in Maine was won by the most unblushing frauds and where there are such plain facts of the board to testify them. In one city the republicans struck off from the registration lists more than seven hundred democratic voters and then obstructed the appeals by vexatious hindrances so as to practically disfranchise them. The letter which Mr. Blaine wrote just before the election intimated that the republican victory must be secured at any cost. There can be little doubt that bribery, election frauds and false counting and returning were practiced to a large extent and an artificial republican majority thus created. Now, in addition to these well grounded beliefs, there are the "irregularities," "informalities" and "miscalculations," about which there can be no dispute, these being matters of record. The original returns are there to be counted. The election laws prescribe certain forms which must be obeyed and if they are not obeyed the party in default must suffer. The republicans have been managing things by "main force and awkwardness" so long disregarding statutes, ignoring constitutional limitations and acting upon the hypothesis that the republican committees were a sort of divine institution that could do no wrong, that it is quite possible they have made fatal irregularities in the election formulas and that they have vitiated their claims to the election even where they have an apparent majority. Law is law and if it counts out the republican candidates it will make them more careful next time.

Revenue Troubles in Georgia.

New York Herald.

At last the revenue officers are said to be intending a determined raid into the "moonshine" distillery district of Georgia. Resistance is of course expected, for the illicit distillers have already driven the officers out of their country at least once, and know that they will get little mercy from the courts if caught. It must also be admitted that a more unpleasant variety of duty never afflicted revenue officers, for the transgressors are about as hardy, alert and vindictive as an equal number of Indians; they are, as a rule, ignorant enough to regard enforcement of the law as persecution, and will therefore be animated by a sentiment somewhat resembling patriotism. As they are perfectly at home in a country of which the officials know very little, the "moonshiners" seem to have the odds in their favor, yet there can be little doubt that the government will finally succeed in breaking up the business if raiding becomes a general instead of a fitful practice, for informers can get more money from the government than distillers, and the latter are doomed to be betrayed. By our letter from Gainesville it appears that Governor Colquitt, of Georgia, has hopes of some better method being devised for stopping the violation of law concerning distilling; but for the revenue officials to defer their manifest duty while other officials discuss new ways of improving matters would be poor policy in view of the fact that little or nothing was done by the state authorities before the intended demonstration was announced. Meanwhile the offenders are setting up a defence, which will be found outlined in our letter, and experiences of the other side are also described.

Senator Mahone.

Richmond Dispatch.

Let no conservative touch him. He does not profess to belong to our party; and it would be a shameful betrayal of trust for any conservative to support him.

Lynchburg News.

Well, General Mahone is the next United States senator. Another rebel brigadier still in the field. General Mahone is now virtually out of state politics—certainly will be after 1881. He can now "hedge," as the gamblers say, for strength, or will he lead a disjointed fragment of parties, and drift with the current? He has assumed a great responsibility, and has a chance, both ways, for a good or a bad future.

Augusta Chronicle.

General William Mahone yesterday received the mess of pottage for which he sold his political principles. He was elected to the United States senate by a combination of republicans and republicans—the same unscrupulous combination that turned crippled confederate soldiers out of their places in the capitol and put negroes in their places. He will take his seat the 4th of March, 1881. If a democrat is elected president he will probably act with the democrats; but if a republican is elected he will certainly act with the party in power.

The Bayard Boom.

Gainesville Southron

The Bayard boom is all busted to smithereens. He is altogether too hard on the money question for even old Adamant Sherman. Indeed, Bayard may be said to be crystalized and fossilized, too.

Gwinnett Herald.

It is well known that there are irreconcilable differences between the eastern and western democrats on the financial questions of the day, and if bitter discussions are begun at this session of congress they will inevitably present themselves in the next democratic convention. Would it not be much better to ignore these questions for the present than to fling into the councils a fire brand?

Sparta Ishmaelite.

Mr. Bayard proposes that the greenbacks shall be shorn of their legal tender quality, so that only gold and silver shall be legal tender money in the United States. It is a very cunning move—the first in a series of assaults on greenback money. It is plain that the movement is made in the interest of the national banks, whose servant Mr. Bayard seems to be. He had better clothe himself with brother Gordon's "policy of silence," so far as financial questions are concerned.

The Financial Debates go On.

New Haven Register.

The republicans at Washington are falling into desperate straits, through the absence of Jim Blaine. "Unless Blaine comes down here pretty soon and stirs up Ben Hill, there's likely to be trouble in our camp about this confounded legal tender business," said a western republican yesterday. But Blaine has other fish to fry in Maine. He has discovered several "confederate brigadiers" and at least a half dozen rebellions in his own backyard. Consequently Ben Hill will have a rest, and "the party of honest money," as the republicans falsely call themselves, will stand and tremble at the prospect of a financial debate.

The Fighting Political Bishop.

Pittsburg Telegraph.

Bishop Gilbert Haven, of the Methodist Episcopal church, is laid up in Malden, Massachusetts, with malarial fever. He will be all right again shortly for 1880, with the general conference of the denomination and the presidential election, will not fail to heal him.

A Suggestion.

New York Commercial Advertiser.

The administration may finally decide the man of all others yet mentioned best fitted to be sent to Russia is Charles Francis Adams, on account of the climate.

The Constitution a Necessity.

Marietta Journal.

It is indispensable to business men and a reading community, and he who neglects to take it, is a loser by a "large majority."

What the People Want.

Gettysburg Compiler, dem.

A short session of congress and no nonsense, is what the people want.

Christmas Anthem.

Maidens, mothers they may be,
Bring your wreaths to deck the shrine
Of the mother-maid divine
With her child upon her knee;
Shout your silvery songs of praise
For the birth of better days.

Mothers, come! I see confessed
In your glances deep and mild
The adoration of the child.
Come, your children at the breast;
Lift your prayerful songs of praise
For the birth of better days.

Children, come with confidence,
Seek the benediction mild
Of this gentle little child,
Who was love and innocence;
Lisp your guileless songs of praise
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—Phillip O. Sullivan, in Harper's Magazine for January.

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Section II. Be it further ordained That from and after the passage of this Ordinance, Signs related to in the foregoing section shall not be erected within the city limits.

Section III. Be it further ordained, That in all cases where such obstructions shall remain after the first day of January, 1880, it shall be the duty of the Chief of Police to cause to be served on tenants, owners or agents, official notice to remove such obstructions within ten days, and if the same be allowed to remain after the time specified in said notice the person or persons failing to comply shall be held subject to the fines and penalties set forth in the first section of this Ordinance.

Section IV. Be it further ordained That all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed.

A true extract from the minutes of General Council, December 15th, 1879.

436 dec19—d3t W. R. BIGGERS, Clerk.

NOTICE

THE FIRM OF PURSLEY & DAVISON HAS this day been dissolved by mutual consent, J. S. Pursley purchasing T. A. Davison's interest.

J. S. PURSLEY,
T. A. DAVISON.

December 18th, 1879.

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ROUNDABOUT IN GEORGIA.

—A Sumter county man has a collard nine feet high.

—The new court-house of Milton county is nearly completed.

—The profession of wild-cat hunting is very popular in the lower part of the state.

—Marietta has shipped 8,000 bales of cotton this season—an increase of 2,319 bales over the same period last season.

—Mr. Willingham, of the Cartersville Free Press, declines to be a candidate for county commissioner.

—A Mrs. Josephine Peavy, living near Marietta, has left for parts unknown, owing to the fact that she was about to be arrested on a charge of infanticide.

—It is strange that grown men will handle gin-saws while in motion. Nearly every day we hear of some one who sticks his hand in the bosom of a gin and has his finger-nails pared off to the elbow.

—The Greensboro Herald says that Rev. John W. Knight, so well known in Georgia, is now in the lunatic asylum. He was an earnest, good man of powerful mind, and doubtless did his duty as he understood it. But perhaps for many years there was a "screw loose" somewhere in his mental machinery. It is sad indeed to think upon the wreck of such a mind.

—The Duluth correspondent of the Gwinnett Herald says that Messrs. John Nelms, Carl Mitchell, Clark Howell, Hugh Martin, Chaw Smith and Ben Graham, six Atlanta boys, spent last week on a hunt in Milton county, with a wonderful success. They killed sixty-seven squirrels, forty-eight rabbits, one hundred and seventeen partridges, besides much other game. They camped out during their stay, and had a splendid time.

—The Warrenton Clipper says that last Monday about 9 or 10 o'clock Mr. William Barksdale, a prominent planter in the western portion of that county, was suddenly killed in the following manner: He went down under the gin-house to see something about the horses or the gearing, and without warning was inextricably caught by the gearing and killed. Mr. Barksdale was one of the most substantial men of that county. He was above sixty years old, and has always been a very careful man, and this unexpected occurrence is almost unaccountable.

—A few days ago we gave a list of our state exchanges that had been kind enough to insert the new prospectus of THE CONSTITUTION. Since that time the advertisement has been printed in the Calhoun Times, Hamilton Journal, Douglasville Star, Northwestern Progress, Marietta Journal, Greensboro Home Journal, Houston Home Journal, Gainesville Eagle, Cartersville Express, West Point Press, Washington Gazette, Senoia Farm and Home, Madison Madisonian, Early County News, Athens Chronicle, Sparta Ishmaelite, Summerville Gazette, and Athens Watchman. These journals have our thanks for their courtesy and their kind words.

—The American Republican says that one of the strange facts at the sale of the late John W. Caldwell, in the 17th district, was that no article which might be said to have been used by the late owner, could get a bidder, cups and saucers, for instance, from which he drank, etc., but other articles sold very well. A meal bag brought one dollar and a quarter. A darkey wanted it, and as the auctioneer dilated on its cost and enlarged on its usefulness, he continued to bid against himself from sixty cents up to one dollar and a quarter, when he remarked that that was all he had, so the auctioneer declared it was his bag. "He paid his money and he took his bag."

—Bainbridge Democrat: We notice that our southwest Georgia exchanges of last week, referring to the sheriff's sales of this month, state that all land sold brought good prices. For instance, in Mitchell county two hundred acres of land brought upwards of one thousand dollars, and in Thomas and Berrien handsome prices were realized. This is one of the most encouraging signs of the times, and we regard the day as not far distant when all the lands in our section will command high prices. When this good time does come, southwest Georgia will indeed commence an era of prosperity. In our county lands are held at higher figures than at any time since the war, but as yet they have in no wise reached their true value—although Decatur is one of the very best counties in the state. If the lands of Decatur, however, were properly advertised in the north and west, they would be worth more than any in this section.

—F. J. C. Brantley, who, it will be remembered, killed two negro girls in Whitesburg a few weeks ago, and who, after committing the deed, fled, has written from his place of retreat a long article to the Carroll County Times, giving the particulars of the killing, and attempting to vindicate himself. He also threatens to commit suicide, and says: "The first dream that I remember dreaming in my life was that I was going to be dead alive. I have thought of that a thousand times, and I always thought that it was a warning to me. But what for I never could tell before. I intend to bury myself in the Chattahoochee river with a rock about me, so that I never can be seen. But the place where I expect to commit this awful deed I will not tell. Some one will say that I am just telling this to make them believe that I am dead. I intend to do what I have said, and if they do not believe, time will prove it."

—Walton County Vidette: Professor Tice's meteoric display failed to come off as per announcement, but somebody else's did come off on the afternoon of Sunday, the 7th inst., between 1 and 2 o'clock, and was seen by quite a number of reliable people in Monroe, in this county, on that day. Attention was first called to the phenomenon by an unusual commotion among a large flock of pigeons on the lot of Mrs. Judge Davis, a widow lady of Monroe, and thinking they were being disturbed by a hawk, went into the yard, and standing in the shade of the house, and shading her eyes with her hand, looked for the hawk. Imagine her surprise when she saw innumerable, yes, countless millions, of shooting stars, or falling meteors, flying across the firmament. They were distinctly visible to the naked eye when shaded as we have described, but when not so were invisible, being eclipsed by the beaming rays of the sun, which shone at the time in an unclouded sky. Upon making the discovery, Mrs. D. sent out and directed the attention of a number of her neighbors to the phenomenon, and they all saw it. The display continued after its first discovery for about one hour.

—Augusta Chronicle of Wednesday: Intelligence reached this city yesterday afternoon of a most atrocious murder at McBean, on the Central railroad, fifteen miles from Augusta, Monday night. The victim was Mr. William Harralson, a young man about eighteen years of age, who kept a store at the station. He had made arrangements for coming up to Augusta to purchase Christmas goods, and it is supposed had a considerable sum in the store for that purpose. It is said he instructed a negro named Anderson Jones to call him early in the morning, in time to take the passenger train for Augusta, having frequently called on Jones for similar services before. We also heard it stated that Jones slept in the store, so as to be certain about calling Harralson. Yesterday morning the store was closed, but as it was known that Harralson was coming to Augusta no attention was paid to the fact. About twelve o'clock, however, Harralson's little brother went to the store and opened the door, when a horrible scene met his gaze. His brother was lying on the floor dead, in a pool of blood, his head crushed by a hatchet which was near by. The boy at once raised the alarm, and in a short time several neighbors gathered at the spot. The unfortunate young man had evidently been killed for the purpose of robbery, as his money was gone. The negro Jones was missing and suspicion was directed to him as the murderer. As it was supposed that he had come to Augusta, a messenger was sent on the freight train to inform the police. This he did promptly, and Jones was found in a short time, near the depot. He denied all knowledge of the murder and said he was on his way to South Carolina to get married. He declared that he came to Augusta on the morning passenger train, but the employes of the road, on that train, stated that he did not. The police were also informed that Jones was seen in Augusta yesterday morning before the train arrived. He told one of the officers that he was at Mr. Harralson's store late Monday night, at which time he paid him an account that he owed at the store. Jones was lodged in the guard house to await an investigation.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE

BONDS, STOCKS AND MONEY.

CONSTITUTION OFFICE,
Atlanta, December 18, 1879.

The bond and stock market is firm and active at the following quotations:

We quote long dates; short dates are lower.

EXCHANGE—
Buying at ..... ¼ off | Selling ..... par.

BONDS—

Georgia 4s	100	Atlanta W'r'r 7s	107@109
Georgia 6s	108@109	Atlanta City 7s	107@109
Georgia 7s	111@112	Atlanta City 8s	112@114
Ga. 7s gold	111@112	Atlanta 10s	114@116
Georgia 8s	114@115	Augusta City 7s	100@104
So. Car. valid 6s	75@ 80	Sav. City 8s, new	75@ 78
Western R. R. of Ala. 1st m'tge	108@111	Macon City	74@ 76
Western R. R. of Ala. 2d m'tge	85@ 90	Columbus City	68@ 70
Ala. 2d m'tge endorsed by Ga & Cent. R. R.	108@111	Ga. R. R. 7s	105@107
Mor t & W P R R 1st mortgage	104@106	Ga. R. R. 8s	102@108
Atlanta 6s	@100	Central R. R. 7s	107@109
		W. & A. R. R. Leases; 10 per cent income bonds	105@108

STOCKS—

Georgia R. R.	87@ 89	South Wes R R.	99@101
Central R. R.	71@ 73	Atlanta Str't R'k	98@100
A. & W. P. R. R.	112@114		

By Telegraph.

NEW YORK, December 18.—Noon—Stocks weak. Money 5@6. Exchange $4.84. Governments dull. State Bonds strong.

NEW YORK, December 18.—Evening.—Money 5@7. Exchange $4.81½. Governments strong and higher; new fives 103⅝; four and a half per cents 109¼; four per cents 109⅝. State Bonds dull and nominal except for Louisiana consols, which were firm.

Stocks closed dull and irregular.

N. Y. Central	127¼	Chicago & N.W.	87
Erie	41⅝	Preferred	102⅝
Lake Shore	102⅞	Rock Island	119
Illinois Central	98	Western Union	101¼
Pittsburg	100⅞		

Sub-treasury balances:

Coin ..... $16,252,256 Currency $6,613,616

PARIS, December 18—4:00 p. m.—Rentes 81f. Specie increase 7,600,000 francs.

LONDON, December 18—1:30 p. m.—Erie 42⅞. Specie increase £60,000.

BERLIN, December 18.—Specie increase £21,000 marks.

THE COTTON MARKET.

CONSTITUTION OFFICE,
Atlanta, December 18, 1879.

The New York cotton market opened a few points lower for the future months, but as the tone of the market was still firm a general advance took place, which by the close had elevated the months 12 to 20 points above the close of yesterday. Liverpool closed a fraction higher to-day but the tone is reported weak, which places things rather in an embarrassing position. The New York market closed firm for the months with a general upward tendency reported. The spot market has undergone no particular change and closed firm at 12⅝c. Net receipts for five days amount to 156,477 bales; exports 90,414 bales; stock 799,006 bales.

Liverpool closed weak with sales of 10,000 bales, of which 8,800 were American.

A very fair business was reported to-day in the local cotton future market, though spots were comparatively quiet with low grades dull. Receipts to-day 1,022 bales, of which 585 bales were received from wagons. There is no change in quotations and we quote the market as follows: Good middlings 12c; middlings 11⅞c; low middlings 11¼c; good ordinary 10¼@10⅞c.

The following is our statement of receipts and shipments for to-day:

RECEIPTS.

By wagon	585
Air Line Railroad	122
Georgia Railroad	117
Central Railroad	103
Western and Atlantic Railroad	74
West Point Railroad	21
Total	1,022
Receipts previously	78,253
Total	79,275
Stock Sept. 1	249
Grand total	79,524

SHIPMENTS.

Shipments, to-day	1,163
Shipments previously	66,124
Total	67,287
Stock on hand	12,237

The following is our comparative statement:

RECEIPTS.

Receipts to-day	1,022
Receipts same day last year	708
Showing an increase of	314
Receipts since September 1, 1879	79,275
Receipts same time 1878	69,234
Showing an increase of	10,041

SHIPMENTS.

Shipments since September 1, 1879	67,287
Shipments for same time last year	50,369
Showing an increase of	16,918

The following is the comparative table of net receipts at all United States ports:

Net receipts at all the ports to-day	20,473
Same day last year	25,900
Showing an increase of	4,809
Net receipts for five days	156,407
For corresponding days last year	174,496
Showing an increase of	1,911
Net receipts since September 1, 1879	2,785,311
Same time last year	2,590,828
Showing an increase of	192,741

TIME	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.
Closed firm, sales 98,000 bales.									

The following table shows the fluctuations of cotton in New York to-day:

COTTON FUTURES.

TIME	WHEAT. JAN.	WHEAT. FEB.	CORN. JAN.	CORN. MAY.	C. R. SIDES. JAN.	MESS PORK. FEB.	LARD. JAN.	LARD. FEB.

The following table shows the fluctuations in wheat, corn, clear rib sides, mess pork and lard.

CHICAGO FUTURES.

CHICAGO, December 18, 1879.

By Telegraph.

LIVERPOOL, December 18.—noon—Cotton easy; middling uplands 6 13-16; middling Orleans 6 15-16; sales 10,000 bales; speculation and export 1,000; receipts 28,000; American 24,000; futures opened sellers at 1-16 decline: uplands low middling clause December delivery 6¾; December and January delivery 6¾@6 23-32; January and February delivery 6 13-16@6¾; February and March delivery 6⅞ 6 27-32@6 13-16; March and April delivery 6 29-32@6¾; April and May delivery 7 1-16; May and June delivery 7; June and July delivery 7 1-32; futures now weaker —sellers at last quotations.

LIVERPOOL, December 18.—1:30 p. m.—Middling uplands 6 13-16; middling Orleans 6 15-16; lands 6⅝; ordinary 6 11-16; good ordinary uplands 6¼; uplands low middling clause March and April delivery 6 27-32; April and May delivery 6 29-32; May and June delivery 6 31-32.

LIVERPOOL, December 18—4:00 p. m.—Sales of American 8,800 bales; uplands low middling clause December and January delivery 6¾; January and February delivery 6 25-32; February and March delivery 6 27-32; March and April delivery 6⅞.

LIVERPOOL, December 18.—5:00 p. m.—Uplands low middling clause December and January delivery 6 29-32; March and April delivery 6 29-32; also 6⅞; April and May delivery 6 15-16; May and June delivery 7; futures closed weak.

NEW YORK, December 18.—Cotton weak; middling uplands 12¼; middling Orleans 12¾; sales 499 bales; net receipts 920; gross 8,300; consolidated net receipts 20,473; exports to Great Britain 18,133; to continent 4,824.

GALVESTON, December 18.—Cotton firm; middling 11¾; low middlings 11¼; good ordinary 11¼; net receipts 3,691 bales; gross —; sales 780; stock 84,968; exports to continent 1,618; coastwise 6,300.

NORFOLK, December 18.—Cotton steady; middlings 12¼; net receipts 6,193 bales; gross —; stock 63,326; sales 356; exports coastwise 2,184.

BALTIMORE, December 18—Cotton firm; middlings 12⅝; low middlings 12¼; good ordinary 12¼; net receipts 273 bales; gross 520; sales 175; stock 14,603; exports to Great Britain 330; coastwise 25.

BOSTON, December 18.—Cotton quiet and firm; middlings 12¾; low middlings 12⅛; good ordinary 12; net receipts 1,731 bales; gross 4,608; sales none; stock 3,725.

WILMINGTON, December 18.—Cotton firm and nominal; middlings 12; low middlings 11 11-16; good ordinary 11 1-16; net receipts 320 bales; gross —; sales 150; stock 14,370.

PHILADELPHIA, December 18—Cotton quiet; middlings 12⅝; low middlings 12⅛; good ordinary 12¼; net receipts 123 bales; gross 1,196; sales 50; stock 9,599.

SAVANNAH, December 18.—Cotton steady; middlings 12¼; low middlings 11¾; good ordinary 11¾; net receipts 4,311 bales; gross —; sales 1,100; stock 88,592; exports to continent 1,550; coastwise 4,320.

NEW ORLEANS, December 18.—Cotton quiet and firm; middlings 11¾; low middlings 11¼; good ordinary 11¼; net receipts 8,486 bales; gross 10,790; sales 10,700; stock 289,875; exports to Great Britain 14,885; coastwise 1,235.

MOBILE, December 18.—Cotton quiet and firm; middlings 11¼; low middlings 11½; good ordinary 11; net receipts 1,339 bales; gross —; sales 2,000; stock 57,723; exports coastwise 1,018.

MEMPHIS, December 18.—Cotton firm; middlings 11¾; net receipts 4,764 bales; shipments 1,351; sales 2,800; stock 114,914.

AUGUSTA, December 18.—Cotton dull; middlings 11⅝; low middlings 11¼; good ordinary 10⅞; net receipts 1,727 bales; shipments —; sales 683.

CHARLESTON, December 18.—Cotton unchanged; middlings 12¼; low middlings 11⅞; good ordinary 11¾; net receipts 3,0 6 bales; gross —; sales 1,000; stock 78,085; exports to continent 850.

PROVISIONS, GRAIN, ETC.

CONSTITUTION OFFICE,
Atlanta, December 18, 1879.

Flour, Grain and Meal.

ATLANTA, December 18.—Flour—Market firm but trade is unusually quiet. The quotations of yesterday are not fully maintained except in very small transactions. The quotations below are quotable: fancy $8.00; extra family $7.75; family $7.50. Wheat—Chicago opened higher for January and February. The market seems pretty well settled, though the general inclination of the market continues firm. The movement of wheat in Chicago during the past week or ten days has been only moderate. The local wheat market is firm with very small stocks in the hands of millers. Choice Tennessee is quoted at $1.55; a very fair article can be procured at $1.45; Georgia wheat is firm at $1.35@$1.40. Corn—Steady in Chicago. Local market quiet at 68@70c. Oats—Market steady at unchanged prices: feed 35c; choice rust proof oats range as high as 75c. Meal—Steady at 67½c. Grits—$4.00.

BALTIMORE, December 18.—Flour quiet; Howard street and western superfine $5.00@$5.50, extra $5.75@$6.25; family $7.00@$7.50; city mills superfine $4.00@$5.50; extra $5.75@6.25; family $7.00@$7.50; Rio brands $7.50@$7.75; Patapsco family $8.25. Wheat, southern steady and quiet; western quiet; southern red $1.45@$1.55; amber $1.50@$1.57½. No. 1 Maryland $1.56@$1.57; No. 2 western winter red spot and December $1.52¾@$1.52⅞; January $1.55@$1.55½; February $1.58¼@$1.58⅝. Corn, southern firm for white; yellow lower; southern white 63@65; yellow 60@61. Oats easier; southern 46@47; western white 46@47; western mixed 44@46; Pennsylvania 46@47.

NEW YORK, December 18—Flour, southern dull and weak; common to fair extra $6.15@$6.85; good to choice extra $6.90@$8.50. Wheat ½@¾c higher with a very light export and moderate speculative inquiry: ungraded winter red $1.40@$1.52; No. 3 do. $1.46; No. 2 do. $1.54¾@$1.55½; No. 1 do. $1.55½@$1.56; mixed winter $1.50. Corn dull; ungraded 67½@68. Oats a shade firmer; No. 2 38¾. Hops dull; yearlings 7@18.

CHICAGO, December 18—Flour dull and nominal. Wheat active, firm and higher; No. 2 red winter $1.31; No. 2 Chicago spring $1.28¾ cash; $1.29¼@$1.29⅞ January; No. 2 do. $1.31⅝; rejected 93@95. Corn steady and in fair demand at 40⅞@40⅝ cash; 40⅝@40¾ January; rejected 38¾. Oats fairly active and a shade higher at 31¼.

LOUISVILLE, December 18—Flour firm: extra $4.50@$4.75; family $6.25@$6.50; A No. 1 $6.00@$6.25; fancy $6.50@$7.50. Wheat quiet; red, amber and white $1.28@$1.32. Corn steady; new white 47; mixed 46. Oats steady; white 41; mixed 40.

CINCINNATI, December 18—Flour quiet; family $6.25@$6.40; fancy $7.00. Wheat firm; No. 2 red winter $1.32¼@$1.33½. Corn steady at 41@44. Oats strong at 40@41½.

ST. LOUIS, December 18—Flour firmer. Wheat better; No 2 red fall $1.31¼@$1.31½; No 3 do $1.26. Corn easier at 36. Oats higher at 30⅝@37.

NEW ORLEANS, December 18—Flour firmer; high grades $6.75@$7.87½. Corn firm at 58. Oats dull and lower at 40.

Provisions.

ATLANTA, December 18.—The general provision markets on the west are easier to-day and in Chicago a decline took place. Clear Rib Sides—There is no particular change in our local market and 7½c is still maintained with a moderate stock now in store. Mess Pork—Chicago reports a loss of 8 to 10 points for the months, though spots are unchanged. Bacon—Market very quiet; sugar cured hams 11@11¼; sides 8; shoulders 6; plain shoulders none. Lard—A decline of 10 points for the future months is noticed as having taken place to-day in Chicago. The local lard market is quiet at unchanged quotations; tierces, leaf, 9¼@9½c; refined 9c; kegs, cans and buckets 10c.

NEW ORLEANS, December 18—Pork dull and lower; held at 13 0@$13 25. Lard steady; tierces $8.90@$9.10; kegs 9. Bulk meats quiet and weak; shoulders, loose 4⅝; packed 4¾; clear ribs 6⅞@7; clear sides 7½. Bacon easier; shoulders 5¼; clear ribs 7⅝@8; clear sides 8⅝@8¾. Sugar-cured hams scarce and firm; canvassed new 10@11.

NEW YORK, December 18—Pork opened firmer and closed dull and weak; mess spot $12.00@$12.25. Middles firmer; long clear 7; short clear 7½; long and short clear 7¼. Lard opened stronger, closed weak and less active; prime steam spot 7.57½@7.60.

CINCINNATI, December 18.—Pork firmer at $13.00. Lard weak at 7.15@7.20. Bulk meats nominal: shoulders 4½; clear ribs 6⅝. Bacon dull and nominal; short ribs 7½. Green meats in fair demand; shoulders 4; sides 5.50@5.90; hams 6¼@7¼.

BALTIMORE, December 18—Provisions dull; Mess pork $13.75. Bulk meats, loose, none offering; packed, shoulders 5½; clear rib sides 7½. Bacon, shoulders 5¾; clear rib sides 8½; hams 10¼@11½. Lard, refined in tierces 8¾.

LOUISVILLE, December 18.—Pork steady at $12.50. Lard firmer; choice leaf in tierces 8¼; kegs 9¼. Bulk meats firm: shoulders 4¼@4½; clear ribs 6¾@6¾; clear sides 6⅞@6¾. Bacon none here. Sugar-cured hams none here.

ST. LOUIS, December 18—Pork dull at $12.75. Lard, none offering. Bulk meats quiet; loose, shoulders 3.90@4; clear ribs 6.15@6¼; clear sides 6.30. Bacon lower; shoulders 4¾; clear ribs 7½; clear sides 7.50.

CHICAGO, December 18—Pork unsettled and generally lower at $12.70. Lard quiet and weak at 7.20. Bacon steady and firm.

Groceries.

ATLANTA, December 18.—Market active. Coffee—Steady: Rio 15½@19½; old government Java 28@30. Roasted Coffees—In fair request: old government Java 29@32; best Rio 20; choice 18. Sugars—Off in New York. Local market marked down, with an active market; standard A 10½; 10¾; granulated 10¾; cut loaf 11¾; powdered 11¼; white extra C 10; yellow C 8½@9½. New Orleans sugars in moderate stock and range from 9@11. Molasses—Dull and unchanged: hhds 25; tierces 26; barrels 27. Syrup—New crop in good demand at 43@50. Teas—Market steady: Oolong 35@$1.00; Japan 40@$1.00; Imperial and Gunpowder 40@$1.00; Young Hyson 36@75; English Breakfast 40@$1.00. Spices—Market firm; spice, best sifted, 20; cinnamon 30; saigon 50; cloves 60; African ginger 10; mace $1.25; nutmegs $1.20@$1.25; mustard, best, 40; medium 25@30. Crackers—Active and firm: milk 7½@8; Boston butter 7½@; pearl oyster 7½@; soda XX 4½; soda XXX 5½; cream 7; lemon 7½; molasses cakes 8; ginger snaps 7½. Candy—Assorted stick is in good demand at 12½@13½c. Mackerel—Shad very dull in fair demand; No. 1 medium, half barrels, $6.00@$7.00; No. 2 do. $4.50@$5.00; No. 3 do $3.50@$4.00. Soap—$2.50@$7.00 per 100 cakes. Candies—L. W. 12½ per lb. Matches—Parlor $2.87; sulphur $2.65. Soda in kegs 4½c; in boxes 6c. Rice—Market active; fair 7½; good 7¾; prime 8.

NEW YORK, December 18—Coffee dull: Rio cargoes quoted 14@16¼; job lots 14½@19. Sugar raw dull: fair to good refining 7¼@7½; centrifugal 8⅝@8¾; refined fairly active and firmer; standard A 9⅛@9¼; granulated 9¾; powdered 9¾; crushed 10⅝. Molasses, foreign quiet and unchanged; New Orleans in fair demand at 35@47. Rice quiet; Carolina 6¼@7¾.

NEW ORLEANS, December 18—Coffee quiet; Rio, cargoes, ordinary to prime 13¾@17. Sugar firmer; common to good common 5¼@6; fair to fully fair 6⅛@7; prime to choice 7¼@7¾; yellow clarified 7¾@8¼. Molasses quiet and steady; common 25@27; centrifugal 25@33; fair 30@32; fair to choice 33@35. Rice quiet: Louisiana ordinary to choice 6½@7¼.

BALTIMORE, December 18—Coffee dull; Rio cargoes 14¾@17. Sugar quiet; C soft 9⅝.

CINCINNATI, December 18—Sugar easy; hards 10@11; New Orleans 7¾@8.

Fruits and Confectioneries.

ATLANTA, December 18.—Heavy complaint is made by our dealers here on account of the great scarcity of fruits, especially apples and oranges. The failure of the apple crop in the west is the chief cause of the present stringency in the market, and it seems that notwithstanding our merchants have done all in their power to procure stocks all their efforts thus far have proven vain; light receipts are daily looked for. As for oranges, the trouble lies in their failure to get transportation, which we hope will be remedied soon. This great scarcity in the fruit market has caused much disappointment to parties ordering from this point, and we give the above facts in order that the matter may be clearly understood. Apples—Choice northern $3.00; medium $4.25, and very firm. Lemons—In fair demand at $6.00@$6.50. Oranges—Firm; we quote Florida $2.50@$3.00 per 100; Louisiana $2.00@$2.50. Pineapples—None here. Bananas—Stocks light with a good demand now reported. Prices range from $1.00@$1.50 per bunch. Cocoacuts—5½@6c. Figs—12½@17c. New raisins per box $3.00; ½ box $1.65; ¼ box 85c. Currants—7½@8. Cranberries—$3.50 per bushel box; per gallon 75c. California Pears—$3.50@$4.00. Citron—22c. The nut market is firm and active: Almonds—20@22. Pecans—14@15. Brazils—10@12c. Filberts—12½@15c. Walnuts—16@18c. Peanuts—In good demand: Tennessee 6; North Carolina 6@7; Virginia 7; roasted $1.85@$1.90 ¾ bushel.

Wines, Liquors, Etc.

ATLANTA, December 18.—Market firm and active. Corn whisky, rectified, $1.00@$1.40; rye, rectified, $1.10@$1.50; rye and Bourbon medium $1.50@$2.00; rum, rectified, $1.25@$1.75; New England $1.75@2.50; St. Croix $4.00; Jamaica $3.50@$4.50; gin, domestic $1.50@$2.50; imported $3.00@$4.50; Cognac brandy, domestic $1.50@$2.50; imported $5.00@$8.00; copper distilled corn whisky, Georgia made, $1.75; apple and peach brandy $2.00@$2.50; cherry and ginger brandy $1.00@$1.50; port wine $1.50@$6.00, owing to quality; sherry $1.50@$6.00; catawba $1.25@$1.75; scuppernong $1.00@$1.25.

NEW ORLEANS, December 18—Whisky steady; western rectified $1.10@$1.15.

BALTIMORE, December 18—Whisky steady at $1.14¾@$1.15.

NEW YORK, December 18—Whisky nominal at $1.17@$1.18.

ST. LOUIS, December 18—Whisky quiet at $1.10.

CHICAGO, December 18—Whisky steady at $1.12.

CINCINNATI, December 18.—Whisky steady at $1.09.

LOUISVILLE, December 18.—Whisky quiet a $1.09.

Country Produce.

ATLANTA, December 18.—Market active. Eggs—In good demand at 19@20c. Butter—Choice Tennessee 22½c; medium 15@18c; common 11@16c. Poultry—Hens 50; chickens 10@15c, owing to size. Dressed Poultry—Market we l supplied and lower; chickens 7½@8½c; turkeys 10@11½c. Ducks and geese are also plentiful. Sweet Potatoes—In demand at 60c. Irish Potatoes—Market at $1.50@$2.50 per barrel, according to quality. Dried Fruit—In demand with a great scarcity of stocks. Receipts are rem

COTTON AND WEATHER.

COTTON, middling uplands, closed in Liverpool yesterday at 6 13-16d; in New York at 12⅝c; in Atlanta at 11½c.

THE Signal Service Bureau report indicates to-day for Georgia, northeast to southeast winds, rising followed by falling barometer, increasing cloudiness, occasional rains, higher, followed by lower temperature.

Daily Weather Report.

OBSERVER'S OFFICE, SIGNAL CORPS, U. S. A., KIMBALL HOUSE, December 18, 10:31 P. M.

All observations taken at the same moment of actual time.

NAME OF STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	WIND. Direction.	WIND. Force.	Rainfall.	Weather.
Atlanta	30.24	50	62	S.	Fresh	.00	Fair.
Augusta	30.34	51	72	.....	Calm	.00	Clear.
Cordele	30.14	50	89	S.	Light	.00	Cloudy.
Galveston	30.20	65	59	E.	Fresh	.00	Fair.
Indianola	30.19	68	88	N.	Fresh	.00	Cloudy.
Key West	30.22	74	8	N. E.	Fresh	.00	Clear.
Mobile	30.25	55	93	S.	Light	.00	Smoky.
Montgom'ry	30.30	59	86	.....	Calm	.10	Foggy.
New Orleans	30.28	67	81	S. E.	Gent	.00	Smoky.
Pensacola	30.34	56	72	.....	Calm	.00	Clear.
Savannah	30.32	57	86	S. E.	Light	.00	Clear.

*100 per cent: being complete saturation.

NOTE.—FORCE OF WIND: Light, 1 to 2 miles per hour. Inclusive; Gentle, 3 to 5, inclusive Fresh, 6 to 14, inclusive; Brisk, 15 to 29, inclusive High, 30 to 49, inclusive.

Local Weather Report.

ATLANTA, GA., December 18, 1879.

Time.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	WIND. Direction.	WIND. Force.	Rainfall.	WEATHER.
6:31 a m	30.24	46	87	W.	Light	.00	Smoky.
11:31	30.25	48	58	W	Fresh	.00	Clear.
2 p. m.	30.15	65	48	S.	Gent	.00	Clear.
6:31 "	30.17	61	48	S.	Fresh	.00	Clear.
9 p. m.	30.25	57	63	S.	Fresh	.00	Fair.
10:31 "	30.25	57	62	S.	Fresh	.00	Fair.

Mean daily bar..... 30.230 | Maximum ther..... 67
Mean daily ther..... 56.2 | Minimum ther..... 46
Mean daily humid..... 65 | Total rainfall..... .00

H. HALL, Corporal Signal Corps, U. S. A.

PREFERRED LOCALS.

THE PRICE of the "DOMESTIC" is now as well made sewing Machine can be sold and it is undoubtedly the CHEAPEST (in the end) Machine to buy. But it does not compete with the low-priced Machines of the day. They have one class of trade and we have a very different market for our goods. Our sales are to the intelligent and well-to-do portion of the community who can understand and appreciate real excellence, and whose necessities do not compel them to get along with an inferior article.

WHOLESALE | CRAIGE & CO., 41 Whitehall St.,
& RETAIL. | ATLANTA, GA.

N. B.—We are ready for any test that may be proposed, to demonstrate the justness of our claim to superiority. C. & Co.

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MEETINGS.

[Notices of meetings, not exceeding ten lines, will be inserted under this head for one dollar.]

HALL OF GATE CITY LODGE, No. 346, K. of H., ATLANTA, GA., December 19, 1879.

Regular meeting of Gate City Lodge tonight at 7 o'clock.

Election of officers for the ensuing term will be held. Members will come prepared to pay their dues.

By order of the Dictator.

R. A. VARNEDOE, Reporter.

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Red Men' Fair.

At old O.H.I. Fellows Hall, Marietta street, beginning December 22, and continuing until December 27, every night. Raffles, races, refreshments. Dancing each night. Admission 10 cents. Ladies free.

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The Constitution.

ATLANTA, GA., DECEMBER 19, 1879.

PERSONAL MENTION.

—J. M. Boring, of Augusta, was in the city yesterday.

—Newt Heggie, of Augusta, is in the city feeling the live stock market.

—Miss Nora Mayes, of Americus, is visiting the city.

—W. S. Baker, of Rutledge, is in the city.

—B. B. Lewis, of Macon, is the city on a visit.

—P. V. Carbine and David E. Butler, of Madison, are the city.

—L. D. Carleton, of Union Point, was in the city yesterday.

—J. J. Pratt, agent of Kate Thayer's concert company, is in the city.

—Lieutenant McClellan, inspector of the United States signal stations, is in the city.

—Alexander M. Speer, of Griffin, judge, of the Blue Ridge circuit, was in Atlanta yesterday.

—Robert D. Walker, of the Savannah bar, is in the city attending the supreme court.

—John Drew, the temperance advocate, left last night for Savannah, where he will continue his labors. His success in Atlanta was indeed remarkable.

—James A. Mann, of Kansas City, one of the publishers of the Daily Journal of that city, called to see us yesterday. He comes to our city for the purpose of spending the winter, and brings with him letters of introduction from Colonel John W. Wofford, who is now a citizen of Kansas City. We welcome Mr. Mann to Atlanta and know he will find here as genial climate and as clever people as we have represented to him we have.

SIDEWALK NOTES.

—Holiday shoes and slippers at Force's.

—Good-bye, railroad kings; come and see us again.

—The marriage boom of Atlanta is growing greater than ever.

—Atlanta now has more colleges than any city in the state.

—Countrymen are bringing in Christmas turkeys by the score.

—No state arrests were made by the police yesterday.

—The hog ordinance should be strictly enforced in Atlanta.

—Grave-robbing seems to be considered a very grave offense.

—Drew is gone, but his good influences still remain with us.

—The railroad convention adjourned yesterday to meet again in Atlanta, January 28th.

—Cotton receipts by wagon will soon commence to slacken off as our country cousins want to celebrate their Christmas at home.

—Didn't somebody say that there was to have been a fifty-mile ride at Oglethorpe park yesterday?

—The Atlanta police should be relieved of the duty of laughlighting. They have enough to do independent of that work.

—Now is the time for poultry to be stalled. Mortal man's turn does not come until Christmas day.

—Fine weather yesterday for the ladies, who were doubtless made happy by its arrival.

—Yesterday the demand for mules and horses in this market was far greater than the supply.

—An Atlanta man wedded a Lithonia beauty last night. The notice will appear in to-morrow's issue.

—We call attention to the ordinance passed by Council for the removing of signs, etc., from across the sidewalks. Parties interested will govern themselves accordingly.

—The colored people of Atlanta have reason to feel proud over the dedication of the Baptist seminary, which occurred yesterday.

—To-night at the Christian church, on Hunter street, there will be a grand Art entertainment for the benefit of the "Girls' Club" of that church.

—With the exception of Tom Brock, Bob Glass and a few others, nearly all of Atlanta's young men are either married or contracted for.

—An entertainment will be given tonight, December 19th, at 7:30 o'clock, for the benefit of St. Philip's Sunday-school, at 145 Jones street. All friends are invited.

—Next week an Atlanta merchant marries a wealthy Alabama lady. The proposed groom, with his body guard, leaves for the scene of his happiness to-morrow afternoon. By this contract Atlanta gains.

—The Art entertainment that has been presented at a good many churches in Atlanta, will be given at the Christian church on Hunter street to-night. The programme has been carefully arranged and it will no doubt be an evening of rare pleasure to all who attend. Price of admission only 25 cents, children, 15 cents.

Death of a Chief Justice.

INDIANAPOLIS, December 18.—Samuel E. Perkins, chief justice of the supreme court of Indiana, died at midnight.

ELDRIDGE, THE EQUESTRIAN.

He Takes French Leave of the Boys.

Two weeks ago a lithe-figured little man with a blonde moustache and kindly blue eyes, appeared in Atlanta and announced his intention of performing, what he classically termed a grand equestrian feat. He would ride, he said, six horses a distance of fifty miles in two hours and a half.

He would do this thing without once touching the ground "from the first to the fiftieth mile." Such was his statement, even to the "self-same tone and words." Having ventilated his magnificent project upon the streets to the infinite wonder of the gaping crowd, he at once plunged into extensive preparations for the carrying out of his wonderful plan.

He secured the services of Colonel T. C. Tryon, a theatrical gentleman, formerly advance agent of the celebrated Jackson combination, but now a sojourner in our midst—he secured the services of Colonel Tryon as his local manager, and together these gentlemen embarked upon a system of advertising, brought into requisition nearly all the papers in the city besides a certain popular job office, and our enterprising fellow-townsman, he, of the board and brush, J. the B. P.

The papers, and the hand bills told in eloquent English of the approaching marvel of horsemanship. They said that Oglethorpe park would be the scene of this miracle of nerve and endurance, that special trains would bear the eager thousands to the grounds—and casually stated that the price of admission would be only a half a dollar, and that the performance would begin at exactly two and a half o'clock on Thursday, the 18th instant (yesterday). Tickets were placed on sale at various places in the city. The coming event was talked of upon the corners, in the counting houses and at the pumps—a day or two before the time set for the great feat, the graceful equestrian, not content with the extensive advertising which he had freely received, bestrode a fiery steed of uncertain age and gallantly galloped the principal streets for many hours challenging the deathless admiration of numberless backmen, and inspired by the lusty bravos of pursuing gamins.

Thursday dawned brightly and beautifully, as it should have done, being the "great, the important day, big with the fate of Eldridge and his ride." The sunny hours rolled swiftly by, until at length the town clock measured the appointed time—the great equestrian same not—and yet there were those who would have been glad to see him. A wild whisper ran through the town that the matchless horseman, during the silent hours of Wednesday evening, had quietly collected all moneys realized from the sale of tickets, and having gotten up bet[illegible] great iron horse, which can[illegible] faster and hold out longer than any [illegible] half dozen horses in the land, has ridden off, no one knew whither. And the local manager is sad at heart, being thirty dollars out; and the job printer would like to see the equestrian, if only for a few minutes; and a certain paper hopes to meet him ere the roses bloom again; and a livery man is sighing for a brief little interview; while in the quiet precincts of a private boarding-house not many squares away, a solemn man is restlessly pacing the floor and repeating in muffled monotone the melancholy words: "He cometh not, she said (his wife, the landlady), I am aweary, I'm aweary; I thought he was in bed."

ANOTHER ADVANCE STEP.

The Opening of the Atlanta Colored Baptist Seminary.

Yesterday the dedicatory exercises of the Atlanta Baptist seminary were held at the college. About 10 o'clock a fine audience had gathered in the school-room of the seminary. Among those present were quite a number of distinguished persons, including Governor Colquitt, School Commissioner Orr and the ministry of the city. The exercises consisted of speaking, singing and prayer. Among the speakers who favored the audience with remarks appropriate to the occasion were Governor Colquitt, Rev. Frank Quarles, School Commissioner Orr, David E. Butler, Professor Slaton, superintendent of public schools, Rev. J. T. Robert, president of the seminary, Rev. J. H. DeVotie, and Sidney Root. The singing was furnished by the choir of Friendship Baptist church. Rev. J. W. Heidt, of Trinity church, Rev. A. T. Spalding, of the Second Baptist church, and Rev. D. W. Gwin, of the First Baptist church, also took part in the exercises, which lasted from 10 o'clock until 1. The speeches of Rev. Frank Quarles, representing the Georgia Missionary Baptist convention, Mr. Sidney Root, who by request represented the Home missionary society, and Rev. J. T. Robert, president of the seminary, also of Rev. J. H. DeVotie, representing the State mission board, gave a full history of the enterprise from its organization, several years ago at Augusta, up to the present time.

As a full description of the building and the purposes for which it has been constructed was published in THE CONSTITUTION some days since it is unnecessary to give them again. The seminary is managed by a board of twelve trustees. Seven of them reside in New York and the remaining five are residents of Atlanta. Rev. J. T. Robert is the president of the board, and Mr. Sidney Root is secretary. During the eight years that the seminary was operated in Augusta there were 287 students in attendance. Of this number 175 of them were ministerial students, and the others normal students. One of the graduates, Rev. H. M. Wood, is now a missionary to Africa. There are now thirty students at the Atlanta Baptist seminary and it is predicted that this number will be increased to one hundred after Christmas.

The removal of the Atlanta Baptist seminary from Augusta to Atlanta is due to the personal and untiring energies of Rev. Frank Quarles. His first effort was to have a seminary established in Georgia, and his second to make Atlanta its location. He has succeeded in both of his efforts, but as has been seen, had to work eight years to accomplish all that he wished for. The building cost about $8,000 and is all paid for. The ground was purchased from Richard Peters at a cost of $2,500. The furniture of the building is expected to arrive in a few days. About $200 is still needed, which amount will be used to construct a neat and substantial fence around the grounds. The colored people of Atlanta as well as those of the entire state have reason to feel happy upon the completion of this fine seminary, the object of which will be to educate both preachers and teachers. By the construction of this new building Atlanta has gained another college and one that every good citizen will feel proud of and take an interest in its welfare.

MRS. WILLIAM ASTOR'S BALL.

Opening of the New Art Gallery and Debut of Her Daughter, Miss Caroline Astor.

New York World.

MRS. William Astor gave a grand ball last evening at her residence, corner Fifth avenue and Thirty-fourth street, to introduce into society her youngest daughter, Miss Caroline Astor. The ball was so timed as to celebrate Miss Astor's eighteenth birthday. The Astor ball-room has been recently refitted and redecorated by Marcotte and converted into an art gallery. It was thrown open for the first time last evening. The decorations are a modern version of the style of the thirteenth century. Subdued colors predominate, relieved by lines and figures of gold. The different shades are so exquisitely blended as to produce an harmonious and pleasing general effect. Paintings collected by Mr. Astor in Europe are hung upon the walls. The most conspicuous among the large pictures are "La Rosa," by Jules Lefebvre, occupying the central position on the right wall; a cattle piece by Van Marcke in the same position on the opposite wall; "The Retreat," by Edouard Detaille on the wall opposite the entrance, and "The Master's Eye," a pastoral scene by Troyon on the right wall near the entrance. Among the cabinet pictures are "Arab Horses," by Fromentin, on the left side near the door, and "Samson and Delilah," by Cabanel, near by and partly under "La Rosa." The ball-room is furnished in blue velvet. There were no floral decorations in the ball-room, but the parlors and dining room presented the appearance of a conservatory, where vases, baskets, and plateaus of cut flowers were met at every turn. Hector Deroux's picture, "Les Danaides," which hangs in the hall opposite the spacious stairway, was inclosed in a frame of smilax mingled with poinsettia and cut flowers. The pictures in the parlors and dining room were similarly adorned. There were dressings of smilax and rosebuds also on all the chandeliers in the parlors and hall. The staircase was festooned with the same flowers arranged in pointed scroll work, each point tipped with a Calla lily. Over the mirror in the middle parlor, where Mr. and Mrs. Astor and their daughter received their guests, was placed a large floral representation of the Astor crest, with the motto "Semper Fidelis" in letters of red immortelles. The most elaborate floral design was suspended over the entrance to the ball-room. It displayed the name of the debutante—"Caroline"—in letters of a foot in length, which were composed of white carnations and camelias, and the interstices were filled in with white and tea roses. This design was so placed that it could be read from either the dining or ball-room. The supper table was adorned with an immense silver flower stand containing one large cone-shaped center piece of cut flowers overtopped by a growing palm, and two side pieces of cut flowers without the palm. The floral decorations were by Ekirch & Wilson. The supper was by Pinard. The music was by two bands—Bernstein's in the hall and Lander's in the ball-room.

MR. PLEDGER'S CASE.

The Certainty That He Was Insane—A Long Standing Trouble.

We have learned since writing of the suicide of the late Mr. Pledger certain facts that show most conclusively that he was insane, and that his insanity came from bodily ailments.

We quoted in our last article a statement from Dr. Pack to the effect that as far back as 1854 he suspected that Mr. Pledger was of unsound mind. We are now able to add the testimony of Dr. Potter, who informed us the other day that Mr. Pledger boarded at his house in Savannah when he was quite a young man, and that while there he was subject to some sort of attacks that seemed to affect his spine and made him almost helpless. For some time he would be unable to walk, or to do more than walk. At these times he was dreadfully oppressed and had a horror of being left to himself. He sought company all the time, and seemed to be trying to escape from his thoughts beneath which he was sinking.

INJURED BY A FALL FROM A BUGGY.

From a letter received on yesterday from a lady who knew him well we learn that his spine was injured a long time ago by a fall from a buggy. He was thrown violently to the ground, and his spine was strained severely. He has been subject since then to periodical attacks, during which he was seized with the most acute pains. The trouble with his spine seemed to affect his brain directly and he would become almost maddened. At such times nothing would quiet him but the soothing tenderness of his wife, who was absorbingly devoted to him. He would frequently say that if he could just have her with him all the time he would feel that he could stand his pain. When she would ask him to rest from preaching a while, he would reply that she could know nothing of the joy of preaching the gospel, and that he must keep at work.

His wife would have been with him in Atlanta had she known he was here. She did not know that he was looking for her, but on the contrary she was expecting him to come to Gainesville. We learn that in the terrible abstraction under which he was laboring, he had forgotten to mail the letter he had written her, telling her that he was in Atlanta, and it was found in his pocket after his death.

WHERE HE SLEPT THURSDAY NIGHT.

We are glad to be able to state that he did not sleep in the woods on Thursday night, as he said he did, and that he was not subjected to the physical suffering he must have endured if he had done so. Mr. Cook, who has returned to the city, says that Mr. Pledger slept in his house on Thursday night and that he (Mr. Cook) carried him to the train at 6 o'clock to go to Gainesville. Mr. Cook had to leave before the Air-Line left, and thought of course Mr. Pledger would take the train and go home. Instead of this he wandered about the city, as we have before described, and met his death at the Markham house.

ALL AROUND US.

Milledgeville, Albany, Gainesville, Opelika, Etc.

ESCAPE OF A BAD NEGRO.

ALBANY, December 17.—Perry Vinson, a noted negro desperado, sentenced by Judge Wright last week at Calhoun court to twenty years for burglary, broke jail yesterday and escaped. It was thought by many that he had a hand in the murder of Whittikind and the burning of his store in Leary last year.——Judge P. J. Stroger has been quite ill for the past two weeks——Heavy frosts the past two mornings.

EVENTS IN OPELIKA.

OPELIKA, December 17.—Mrs. Worthington died yesterday and was buried here today.——The E. A. & C. passenger train comes in daily, but since the wash-up no freight has been hauled over the road.——A cousin of Thomas Jefferson, 3d president of the United States, is living in Tallapoosa, county.—Several marriages will occur here during Christmas week—preparing for next year and dealing in "futures."——The amateurs of Opelika, will play "Lady of Lyons" during christmas.——Our schools, public and private, will be closed on the 19th inst.

BOLD WORK IN NEWNAN.

NEWNAN, December 17.—A bold robbery occurred here this morning. Two negroes from Atlanta, who have been tramping here a day or two, got an old country negro behind the store of W. P. & I. N. Orr, robbed him of $35 and made their escape before an officer could be secured to capture them. This occurred in fifty yards of the business part of the town. One of the parties was a yellow negro with a scar over his eye, the other was black. They went in the direction of Atlanta. The authorities here will be glad to have them captured.

THE WHITE EXODUS.

GRIFFIN, December 18.—The tide of emigration continues to flow. Yesterday and the day before about twenty-five others left for Texas—Arkadelphia this time being the objective point of their journey. There were more bitter bewailings and shedding of tears. Over one hundred have left this section within the past few weeks.——Mr. Joseph P. Foster, the popular agent of the Central railroad here, was married last night in Macon to Miss Mary Williams, of New Orleans. The happy couple arrived on the noon train to-day and have taken up their residence at Dr. J. J. Caldwell's. Another wedding to-night. It is spreading.

THE NEW MILLEDGEVILLE COLLEGE.

MILLEDGEVILLE, December 18.—I suppose it is generally known that the last legislature donated the state buildings in Milledgeville to be used in the cause of public education. To this end the people are thoroughly enthused and working nobly to accomplish the object. On yesterday the board of trustees organized, and elected the following corps of instructors for next year: Dr. Dudley, of Cuthbert, president; Dr. Witherspoon, of Athens, professor; Mr. O. M. Done, of Milledgeville, professor; Miss Mary Hertz and Miss Carrie Fair, principals of the primary department. The spring term will open about the 15th of January. Two hundred and fifty pupils have already been registered. Matriculation fee in college classes $5. Instruction in all departments will be free. Many prominent citizens in the county will come to the city to educate their children.

ANOTHER FIRE IN GAINESVILLE.

GAINESVILLE, December 17.—About noon to-day the alarm of fire was sounded, and from the volume of black smoke it was soon discovered that the residence of Mr. A. Whitchel, one of our very best merchants, was on fire. The fire company were promptly out, but for lack of water the engine was totally useless. The men all worked well in trying to rescue the goods. Most of the contents of the house were saved, but in a very damaged condition. The house being an old wooden structure, burned like tinder, and was totally consumed in less than an hour. The origin of the fire was from the pipe of the cook stove. We learn that Mr. W. was insured to the amount of $1,000 in the Southern Mutual. Total loss $2,500. Mr. W. had his wife buried two years ago, and has been an invalid for many months. This is a sad calamity upon a good citizen.

ATHENS ITEMS.

ATHENS, December 16.—Last night about 9 o'clock Mr. James Carter, a clerk in Hood's grocery and bar, was seriously stabbed in the chest by Tom Roberts, a negro boy. The stabbing originated in a dispute about the pay for a game of billards. The negro was arrested and turned loose under bail. The condition of the wounded man is improving this evening.——The corpses of Rev. Father Boyle and Mr. M. H. May, whose death by drowning on Sunday night has been noted, were placed on the Georgia train this morning and sent to Washington, Ga. Later particulars in regard to the drowning show that the two men, bewildered by the rain and darkness, mistook the road in returning from Lexington and drove into a creek eight or ten feet deep on Mr. John Billups's plantation. Father Boyle's body was found entangled in the reins, which shows how hopeless would have been all exertions to save himself.——A coroner's jury was empanneled this morning to sit on the case of the negro boy who was drowned in Long's brick-yard, near this city, yesterday.——From reports, we believe that the recent rains were the heaviest known in this section of the state for years.

Our Present Banking System

Is a vast improvement on that of twenty years ago, as every one must admit who remembers the trouble we had with wild-cat money. Any man who is so bilious as to deny this should take a dose of Mott's Liver Pills, and recover his normal biliary condition as soon as possible.

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New Goods! New Goods

MR. BOYNTON, of our firm, has just returned from New York, and we are prepared to show some of the most attractive goods ever seen in Atlanta, embracing the following lines of Goods:

New Colored Silks, New Party Silks, Brocades, New Passamenteries, Satins in evening shades, Black Silks, New Fringes, Silks in evening shades, Fancy Silk Handkerchiefs, Fancy Embroided Handkerchiefs, Fancy, Linen Handkerchiefs, Lace Handkerchiefs, Table Linens, Doyles, Towels, Gents' Shirts, Gents' Underwear, Ladies' Underwear, Fancy Hosiery, Kid Gloves, Cloaks, Dolmans, 300 pair Blankets at Great Bargains, New Flannels, all styles.

CARPETS. CARPETS.

NEW TAPESTRY, NEW INGRANS, NEW 3-PLYS LACE CURTAINS, LAMBREQUINS, SHADES, OIL CLOTHS, ETC., ETC.

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!

Our stock of Shoes has been replenished with New Styles from several of the leading manufacturers in Gents', Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes, etc. Call and examine our stock of NEW AND BEAUTIFUL GOODS.

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DREW'S FAREWELL.

After Securing 4,122 Temperance Pledge Signers In Atlanta.

Mr. John W. Drew, the successful temperance advocate, left last night for Savannah, where he will conduct such a series of meetings as he has carried on so successfully in Atlanta. He is accompanied by his accomplished wife, a woman whose heart is in the temperance cause and who does much to aid her husband in his noble efforts.

Mr. Drew and his wife leave many friends in Atlanta who hope to see them here again. His last day's work in Atlanta was certainly a good one. At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon a ladies meeting was held in the basement of the First Methodist church, at which it was resolved to push the cause vigorously in Atlanta. Another meeting was called for Thursday, January 8th, in the Young Men's library rooms at 3 o'clock p. m. The following executive committee was appointed:

Mrs. A. H. Colquitt, chairman; Miss M. H. Stokes, secretary; Mrs. Dr. J. M. Johnson, Mrs. Wm. H. Fuller, Mrs. M. E. Holmes, Mrs. E. C. Wright, Mrs. J. G. Thrower, Mrs. C. E. Smith, Mrs. H. P. Wright, Mrs. M. A. Leanders, Mrs. J. B. Bollman, Mrs. J. M. Dixon, Mrs. L. P. Thomas, Miss M. E. Scott, Miss Mattie Thomas, Miss E. G. Sewell.

Last night a farewell Drew meeting was held in the First Methodist church, which was filled with a fine audience. Mr. Drew made one of his happiest talks and warmed up his hearers. Pledges were circulated and sixty-eight signers were obtained. This the grand total in Atlanta has run up to 4,122, a splendid number. A collection was taken up to pay the expenses of this young man, who has wrought so much real good in Atlanta. Mr. H. I. Kimball made a stirring appeal for him and said the city ought to raise at least $500 for this man, who has been worth ten times that sum to Atlanta. He pledged his word that such a sum should be raised and forwarded to Mr. Drew. Up to date about $260 has been contributed. There will be no difficulty in raising the other with Mr. Kimball's energy to back the efforts.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. J. G. Thrower, and by the meeting unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Mr. J. W. Drew has so faithfully worked among our people for the last six weeks exhorting them to temperance, laboring early and late, in and out of season, to induce men to sign the pledge, and to break the galling chains of intemperance that so cruelly bound them to their idol;

And whereas, his labors, by the blessings of God, had been crowned with such wonderful success, resulting in a grand total of four thousand, one hundred and fifty signers to the following pledge: "For the honor of God and the benefit of humanity, I promise, with divine help, that I will never make, buy, sell, or use as a beverage, any spirituous or malt liquors, wine, or cider, and that I will, in all proper ways, discourage the manufacture, sale, and use of the same, thus rebuilding the family altars and reuniting the family circles that had been sundered by strong drink. Giving back to the wife the man to whom she had pledged her young heart's love, and to her children the father redeemed from the thraldom of intemperance, and to society a better man and citizen. From official reports it is shown that the arrests for drunkenness has fallen off fully one-half since the commencement of his work in our city, and the fines accruing therefrom in our courts has fallen off in like proportion. Thus giving to the family of the man the money that had previously been spent for rum and paying fines imposed for drunkenness—thereby feeding the hungry and clothing the naked family of the man so lately redeemed. And now his calloused heart has been softened to receive even a better and holier work which may finally lead him to the cross of Christ and eternal salvation.

Therefore be it resolved, That we, the citizens of Atlanta assembled, appreciating the grand and glorious work that Mr. Drew has done for our city and people, do hereby extend to him our heartfelt thanks for his self-sacrificing labors in our behalf.

Resolved, That we do most heartily indorse his philanthropic work, and heartily recommend him to the good people and Christian men and women of our broad land as a man worthy of their cordial co-operation and support in the good work in which he is engaged.

Resolved, That the secretary be requested to present Brother Drew with a copy of these resolutions.

The meeting then adjourned. People crowded around Mr. Drew and his wife, bade them hearty good byes and wished them god-speed in the good work they are spreading wherever they go. Atlanta owes them much.

ATLANTA BENEVOLENT HOME.

Annual Meeting Last Night.

The regular annual meeting of the Atlanta Benevolent Home was held at De Give's opera house last night. The audience, the reporter is sorry to state, was distressingly small. There were hardly an hundred people in the house. The rich men of our city were conspicuously absent. The slim attendance cannot be attributed to the fact that a big temperance meeting and the Catholic fair were both in full blast. Atlanta has a population of over forty thousand souls—quite enough to furnish large crowds for several temperance meetings and a number of fairs, and still leave hundreds and hundreds who should show an active interest in the annual meetings of her noblest institution by giving its annual meetings the encouragement, at least, of their presence. That mere sprinkling of people last night does Atlanta no credit. It is impossible to get around it—it was simply a shame that so few turned out. The exercises were opened with a brief and earnest prayer by Doctor Boggs, of the Central Presbyterian church. Then followed some excellent music by the Wurm band, which, by the way, has improved wonderfully of late. Next came the reading of the secretary's report for the year ending December, 1879, being a good history of the Home during the past year. We give it in full.

THE REPORT.

"The heavy indebtedness hanging over the Home at the beginning of this year greatly embarrassed the operations of the board of managers and rendered it necessary that strenuous exertions be made to liquidate the same. To this end the ladies held a fair in December last and realized $900 for the same. Then committees were appointed to solicit continued and increased subscriptions from our citizens for the purpose of reducing as speedily as possible the principal and interest accruing from the debt. A list of the generous contributors has been preserved in a special form, and all money collected has been sacredly appropriated to the cause intended. So that at the close of this year we find the debt reduced to a very small fraction of its proportions at the beginning of the year. The current expenses of the Home have been reduced to as low a figure as possible.

"Private donations have been received from many of our charitable citizens in various articles of food, clothing, etc. Governor Brown generously donated a car load of coal, delivered free from all charges, for which the abundant thanks of the inmates are herein expressed. An elegant silver epergne was donated by Mrs. Rucker, from the selling of which a handsome sum was realized for the Home. Donations of blankets by Judge Pittman, quilts by the Wheeler & Wilson machine company and other individuals have been gratefully received. A contribution of crockery by Mr. Seltzer, was very acceptable. The thanks of the Home are also due Mr. DeGive for his kindness in giving his opera-house for our meetings, and making most liberal reduction for the use of the same when entertainments for the benefit of the Home have been given. A special donation of $25 worth of supplies was made by Mr. David Mayer. In addition to this, he has done much hard work as treasurer. He is herein warmly thanked. Our thanks are specially due to Messrs. Green Dodd and Langston, for their great assistance in getting up a subscription list for the needy poor. The board desires particularly to thank Mr. Henry Grady, of the Gazette, for the active interest he has manifested in the Home. It has been greatly due to the articles from his able pen, appealing to the sympathetic of our citizens, that we have raised the needed funds so readily. To the "CONSTITUTION" also, we feel under lasting and unspeakable obligations for many kindnesses extended in the way of reduced advertising, free insertions of notices, donations of money, etc. The minor contributions of food, clothing etc., have been so numerous that it is impossible to specify in this report.

"The average number of inmates for this year shows an increase over last. The total number having received charity therein is 279; deaths occurring among inmates, 7; nights lodgings given to casual applicants, 35; births, 1. In the death of Mr. Oliver H. Jones and Mr. Bernard Mallon, the Home lost two faithful and invaluable friends. Appropriate resolutions upon these melancholy events were duly drafted and spread upon the house records."

"The greatest harmony has prevailed in the board of managers, and they especially beg, and expect in the year before us the friends of the Home will feel an increased interest in the institution. Respectfully submitted. MRS. B. F. ABBOTT, Secretary."

The treasurer's report was now read by Mr. David Mayer. It showed that the cash on hand December 3d, 1878, was $23.88. The amount raised up to December, 1879, was $3,445 19. Of this sum, Mrs. Judge Jackson, by her personal efforts, raised $1,064 50, for which noble work she deserves the thanks of the Home and the city for all time to come. The city council during the year have donated $350 and expect to give the same sum in January. The expense of the Home during the past year aggregated $1,024 44. The amount paid on the house was $2,360. Balance on hand $6 81. Doctor Tucker was now introduced by President Milledge and delivered a very able and interesting address upon "Charity," in which he fully sustained his reputation as a cogent reasoner and forcible speaker. The address was singularly free from gush. It was preeminently sensible from beginning to end, and was heard with marked attention.

After the address, a committee consisting of Judge Jackson, Captain Lowe, Mr. W. A. Moore and Mr. J. J. Toon were asked to retire and report nominations for the ensuing year. During their absence President Milledge made a short and telling speech in which he showed that since the organization of the Atlanta Benevolent Home in 1870 each succeeding year had brought a decided diminution in the amounts spent by the city upon its paupers. The speaker claimed that the reason was due to the fact that the Home was taking care of Atlanta's poor, and thus aiding in the reduction of her debt. He thought that in the absence of a city hospital, an orphan asylum and a city poor house, the city should give at least $50 a month—$600 a year—to the support of the Home.

Mayor Calhoun followed in an earnest speech, in which he said that the Atlanta Benevolent Home was the only general charity in the city, and was a necessity to Atlanta. She could not get along without, and the city government would stand by it.

The committee nominated the following ticket, which was elected without a dissenting voice: Captain Milledge, president; Mrs. Doctor Tucker, first vice-president; Mrs. Ben Conley, second vice-president; David Mayer, treasurer; Mrs. B. F. Abbott, secretary, and the old board of directors and the old advisory committee. The meeting was then adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Boggs.

Mobile's New Steamer.

MOBILE, December 18.—The new and splendid steamship Mobile, the pioneer ship of the Gulf City steamship company, arrived today, twenty days from Glasgow. She brings a full cargo, including nine hundred tons of freight for St. Louis via Mobile and Ohio railroad, with which important artery to the northwest the Gulf City steamship company is closely allied. The company is organized under the limited liability laws of Great Britain, but it is largely owned by the citizens of Mobile, and among the directors are Wm. Butler Duncan, president of the Mobile and Ohio railroad company, and Thomas Henry, president of the Mobile savings bank, of Mobile. The successful launching of this enterprise, shows the harbor of Mobile, while it is hoped the United States government will see the necessity of improving and deepening a work which can be done at a very limited cost in comparison with the expenditures required at other points, is, even in its present shape, adapted and available for vessels built as the Mobile is for trade. The capacity of the Mobile is from 4,500 to 5,000 bales of cotton.

Barney Macauley To-Night.

To-night Barney Macauley will open a two nights' engagement at the opera-house. He will appear in his famous impersonation of "Uncle Dan'l." Those who have seen the play pronounce it excellent, and say that Mr. Macauley does his part perfectly. The Courier-Journal says of Mr. Macauley: "Uncle Dan'l has come and conquered. The opening house which greeted him last evening—greeted him in all the significance of the word—was an excellent one. From the first it manifested a warm interest in Mr. Bernard Macauley and his play, and it had seen but little of them before it recognized in the most sympathetic and emphatic manner the claims of both." Reserved seats are now on sale and there will be a good attendance.

Supreme Court of Georgia.

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BRUNSWICK CIRCUIT.

No. 8. Argument concluded.

EASTERN CIRCUIT.

No. 8. Cuyler et al. vs. Wayne, administrator. Ejectment, from Chatham. Argued. T. M. Norwood; Wright & Featherston, for plaintiff in error. J. R. Saussy; George A. Mercer, for defendant.

Pending argument of Mr. Saussy, court adjourned until 10 a. m. to-morrow.

The Police Commission.

The police commissioners held a called meeting last night at the usual place for the purpose of investigating charges preferred against Captain George P. Thomas, of the police force. The charges were preferred by Officer Pelot, of the force, and consisted of three specifications, which were embraced under one head, that of conduct unbecoming an officer. A large number of witnesses were introduced on both sides, and the body did not adjourn until 11 o'clock. Captain Thomas was found guilty and dismissed from the force. Officer Flynn was then elected to fill the vacancy.

Re-Opening of the Catholic Church.

Gounod's Grand St. Cecelia Mass" which was to have been sung next Sunday on the occasion of the re-opening of the Catholic church, has been postponed until January on account of the invited bishops and priests being unable to leave the diocese at this particular season of the year. The preparations for this mass were fully completed, but the arrangements will hold good until January, when it will be rendered by a full and select choir. Our citizens will not be disappointed, however, next Sunday as regards the music, as "Farmer's mass" in B flat will be given at the 10½ o'clock mass, and Milard's Vespers" and several new pieces will be sung at the vesper service, particulars of which will be given in our Sunday issue.

Going to Florida.

Yesterday an excursion party of forty Michiganders came in on the Western and Atlantic train and stopped a couple of hours in the city. The party were in charge of that live railway man and excellent gentleman, Mr. C. H. Hulett, of the railway excursion agency, Detroit, Michigan. Under the pilotage of that enterprising gentleman and popular orator, Colonel Dunlap, a number of the excursionists took in a few of the points of interest. We hope that they were pleased, and wish that they could have made a longer stay. They left on the Macon train for Jacksonville, Fla.

A Narrow Escape.

NEW YORK, December 18.—A fire broke out under the stairway in the Park theater, to-night, during the performance of the play of "Irish Artist in Ireland." Every precaution was taken to prevent a disastrous panic and although there was great excitement when the alarm was first given, the audience escaped from the building without any mishap.

Chief Justice Simpson.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 18.—Judge McIver having declined to accept the chief justiceship to which he was recently elected, the general assembly to-night elected Governor William B. Simpson to fill the position.

Bank Suspension.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 18.—A dispatch from Virginia City says the bank of Virginia has susp